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## Monitor Surface Planer.

This is a small compact machine, especially adapted for use by builders, box and pattern makers and others requiring a parallel planer. It will surface hard or soft wood from one-eighth to 6 inches thick and 24 inches wide, and in quantity from 10,000 to 20,000 feet per day. The frame is of the box pattern, which is altogether the best for work of this kind, being very much stronger, stiffer and neater than the rib frames often employed. It is a casting in a single piece, and gives the best possible support not only to the machine but to the work. This style has come to be recognized among builders as the best form for frames of all kinds. Richards, in his work upon wood-working machinery, places this style of framing ahead of all others, giving it his unqualified approval, and, if we are not mistaken, is now adopted by all the best manufacturers in the country.

The machine has 4 idler rolls and 2 driven rolls, all of wrought iron, and adjustable to take up wear. The 2 driven feed rolls are in close proximity to the cutter cylinder, the distance being only 7 1/2 inches, so that short and long stuff may be planed without clipping the ends. The upper feed rolls are held down by strong spiral springs. They are securities to the unevenness of the material, and are strong and act quickly. An adjustable roller scraper is attached to the back feed roller, to keep it free from going matter. The feed can be instantly stopped or started, or the material returned, if desired. The cutter cylinder has long journals ground to fit, mounted in self-oiling bearings, which are lined with a first-class anti-friction metal. The journal boxes form the upper part of the adjustable slides, which are made very strong. The slides move in long, gibbed bearings, giving means for adjustment in case of wear, while a hand wheel gives means of raising or lowering the cylinder. The cylinder can be raised or lowered while in motion or at rest. A graduated scale is attached to the slides to show the distance between the table and cutter cylinder. The cylinder bonnet can be quickly swung for the purpose of sharpening the knives. The gearing bonnet lifts off when it is desired to oil the parts.

The manufacturers are Messrs. Bentel, Margardant & Co., of Hamilton, Ohio, who claim that this is the best machine of its size and lowest in price of any in the market. The machine appears to be strictly first-class, and admirably suited to the use of pattern makers and of that class of wood workers.

The points we have given will enable any one familiar with wood-working machines to judge for themselves as to the character of this little planer. To those who wish to buy and are not experts we would suggest the perusal of the chapter on Parallel Planing Machines in J. Richards' work on wood-working machinery, page 219, in which principles and practice are both illustrated.

## British and American Steam Navigation.

A very disappointing report has been issued this week to the proprietors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. The directors announce that a profit has been realized for the six months ending March 31, 1875, but that it is not sufficient to give their proprietors an interim dividend. The directors of the time-honored Peninsular and Oriental stand for the moment in the position of that sorely tried personage, the Mother Hubbard of our nursery days, and the Peninsular and Oriental proprietors are reduced to the lamentable plight of Mother Hubbard's remarkable dog. If the shareholders in the Peninsular and Oriental are not exactly boneless, they are, at any rate, dividendless, and the reason is that the post office does not pay enough for the work and labor done for it, while the company has also suffered from a falling off in its Bombay trade and from the great pressure of competition. It has been remarked since the issue of the lugubrious report which the directors published to the world recently, that the Peninsular and Oriental will probably have less to fear in the future in consequence of the announced intention of the French government to withdraw the large subsidy given by it for some years past to the Messageries Maritimes, the steamers of which have competed with the Peninsular and Oriental in the Eastern seas. Peninsular and Oriental shareholders may, perhaps, extract a fragment of consolation from this change in the policy of the French government; but, on the other hand, they are threatened with opposition from another quarter which may possibly give them more trouble.

Thus we learn this week that the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company of America has dispatched a well-known White Star steamer, the Oceanic, from Liverpool to Hong Kong, where she will take her place in the line to and from San Francisco. The Gaelic and Belgic, nearly new sister ships, will follow her shortly, and will together form a regular monthly line across the North Pacific. These

ships, although belonging to an entirely distinct and independent corporation, will be run in co-operation with the vessels of the Pacific Mail Company, making alternate trips with them. The vessels of the new line are of great capacity as well as great speed. It is believed by the promoters of this American undertaking that the time hitherto occupied in the passage between London and the Asiatic ports, via the Pacific Railroad route, will be considerably abridged, a through schedule of 40 days or less being in contemplation for passengers and mails. The Oceanic was dispatched to Chinese waters, so as to be in a position to leave China for San Francisco early in June; and she will be due in San Francisco about July 1 with a cargo of new crop teas, silks, &c., the other ships of the new line being deputed to follow at regular intervals. The through business of the new line, and also of the Pacific mail, will be concentrated upon the Pacific Railroad route. It was to develop the trade of Eastern Asia, and encourage the use of the American overland line for this traffic, that the new organization was started, and it is understood that the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroad Companies are among the chief promoters of the enterprise.

The directors of the Peninsular and Oriental do not allude in their report to this American competition, but although there is a want of stability about all American enterprises, there can, we think, be little doubt that the Pacific Railroad route is growing in importance as a means of communication between Europe and India and China, to say nothing of Australia. With the help of the Sandwich Islands as a half way house, the Americans will certainly develop a large trade between San Francisco and our antipodean colonies. They have not yet directly attacked our carrying trade with India, but they have developed sustained relations with China and Japan. Just as the Direct United States Cable Company has attacked the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, so now Americans seem likely to compete with us for the carrying trade of the Far East. — *London Mining Journal.*

One hundred years ago the cutting of cast iron was a secret which few men could practice. Cast iron appeared to be most obdurate in its resistance to the cutting instrument. From the circumstance that man's past experience had been acquired in the treatment of wood and the softer metals, which admit a high velocity, the earlier attempts to bore and turn cast iron on a large scale failed, because the force was applied in a wrong condition. As experience was gained, it became apparent that a much slower velocity, combined with greater pressure, was necessary, which entirely overcame the difficulty. On one occasion, Mr. Boulton, in writing to his partner, James Watt, said in effect that the completion of the bore of a cylinder by a new boring bar was most satisfactory, the piston fitted so nicely throughout that there was scarcely room for the insertion of a half-crown at the worst part. In these days of Whitworth tools we can scarcely realize their practical difficulties, which were overcome one by one, through the skill and indomitable perseverance of Wilkinson and Murdoch. — *Dr. Anderson on Tools.*

## Loss of a Valuable Implement.

The *London Mining Journal* says: In the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth, Stowe in his Chronicle tells us that "Richard Matthews, on Flete Bridge, the first Englishman who attained the perfection of making fine knives and knife hafts, obtained a prohibition against all strangers and others for bringing any knives into England from beyond the seas, which until that time were brought into this land from ships laden from Flanders and other places; albeit at the time, and for many hundred years before, they were made in divers parts of this kingdom more coarse and uncouth knives; and at this day the best and finest knives in the world are made in London." At the present time large quantities of plantation knives of the commonest description are manufactured on the

Continent under the appellation of Dutch knives, which at one time were made in Sheffield under the designation of Malay knives, and having lignum vitae handles and cast iron blades. The Sheffield workmen called these knives "tormentors," from an idea entertained that they were intended for dirks and for scalping knives, and thousands of casks full used to be sent from the cutlery center. But there are knives and knives. Very different were the knives which old Fuller saw offered in Hallowshire at 1d. each, intended "for the common use of the country people," from the superb specimens of complication cutlery which Messrs. Rogers exhibit under a glass cover in their show room at Sheffield, and which they displayed at the Great Exhibition of 1851. Further, a great contrast must be presented between the knife which for 10d. Thomas Wild, who in 1836 lived in Crooked Billet-yard, High street, Sheffield, made for Lieut. Felton, and with which Felton stabbed the Duke of Buckingham, and the knife which has just been lost to the King of Portugal, and to the whole admiring world, by the wreck of the Cadiz. The latter was being sent from Lisbon

is owned by English parties, and a considerable portion by the Pennsylvania Railroad. It will be held until an advance is made in the price of iron, when it will be thrown upon the market.

## Spectroscopic Estimation of Phosphorus in Iron and Steel.

Iron, in a note on the paper on this subject read at the last meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute, says: Though the spectroscopic affords the most delicate of all tests for the detection of many substances, such as the alkalies and alkaline earths, all efforts to give a quantitative value to its indications have hitherto been unsuccessful. Only quite recently an elaborate investigation aiming at establishing a spectroscopic mode of assaying alloys of the precious metals has resulted in disappointment. Important, then, as is the immediate result to which Sir John Alcock believes he has attained, the promise which his paper shadows forth is even more fascinating than the decisive success it records. If phosphorus can be estimated by the spectroscopic, there seems every reason to hope that, by an extension of the

same principles, other elements may be found equally amenable to ocular analysis. The supercession of the monotonous and tedious routine of the laboratory by the picturesque and rapid method of the prism, is, in truth, an alluring prospect, calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of those to whom it has appeared as a practical and scientific deduction from well established facts. For the present, however, the most obvious means to expedite the advent of systematic quantitative analysis by the spectroscopic, is to perfect the details of the process in which it has found its first successful application. It has been suggested that it would be desirable to use nitrogen instead of hydrogen in the spark-tube, and the same idea occurred to the author of the paper. He found, however, that in addition to the fact of the complicated spectrum of this gas rendering its use objectionable, he could not obtain nitrogen free from oxygen. But it appears that he did not try the effect of an alkaline solution of pyrogallic acid, by which pure nitrogen could be readily obtained. Of course, if nitrogen were substituted for hydrogen, air could take the place of carbonic acid for the development of the phosphorus lines, which would be a considerable advantage. The mode of introducing the gases into the spark-tube by the recording syphon bottle, is a feature of the apparatus on which the author lays great stress, and is certainly ingenious and effective, if not very novel. By the substitution of mercury for water in the aspirator—so as to obviate the use of an inconveniently long tube—the same simple contrivance may be used as an air pump, by which the gases in the spark-tube may be rarefied or compressed at will. It is possible that by varying the tension of the medium in which the incandescent vapor exists, another means of investigation may be found. Thus, Sir John predicts that the mode of estimating larger quantities of phosphorus than the present scheme provides for, will be disclosed if, as he believes, it is found that the greater quantity of phosphorus present in a substance the greater will be the power of the characteristic green band to resist extinction by the rarefaction of the gaseous medium.

## Seamless Nail Kegs.

The Pittsburgh Commercial says: There was recently organized in this city a corporation, to be known as the Pittsburgh Keg and Barrel Company, to manufacture kegs and barrels under a new patent. The principal office of the company is in the Germania Savings Bank building, on Wood street, corner of Diamond, and the managers are Messrs. C. Meyran, H. Mattulath, Charles Root, Thomas A. Weger, secretary, C. M. Seibert.

Under the new process of manufacture the use of staves is entirely dispensed with, the body of the keg or barrel being made of one piece. The process, as stated above, is covered by a patent, but is quite simple and easily de-

scribed. The logs are cut into the proper length and thoroughly steamed, and are then put in a kind of lathe; here a "veneer knife" cuts the wood the right thickness for the body of the keg, the sheet rolling from the log under the action of the knife, just as a carpet is unrolled. Another knife cuts the sheets into the lengths required. These are then transferred to a table fitted with goring saws (otherwise called "drunken" or "wabbingsaws"), which cut out wedge-shaped gores, in order to give the package the proper bulge when shaped. The sheets now pass through a machine which prepares them to receive the heads, and are then placed in a drying house, where they remain for 48 hours. They are then ready for shipping to the shops. The above described processes are carried on and completed at Delphos, Ohio, a place chosen on account of its contiguity to the supply of timber requisite for the purpose, and where Mr. Charles Root, a practical man, has charge.

From Delphos the sheets are shipped to the cooper shops of the company, on Irwin avenue, Allegheny City, where the further process of manufacture is completed.

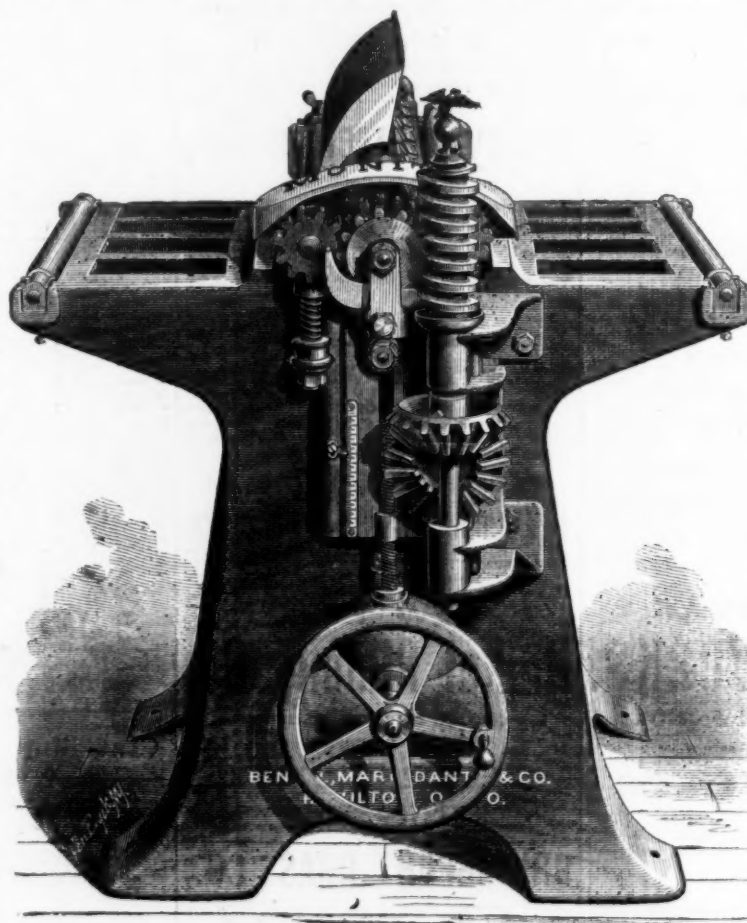
The company do not claim that they can undersell all other manufacturers of like goods; but they do claim, and with good show of reason, that they make a stronger and handsomer package for the same money. They have, at present, facilities for turning out 2000 nail kegs per day, and expect to increase this as their trade may require. For the transportation of heavy goods long distances, this new style of keg and barrel has great advantage over the old stave style, as, in case of falling, there is no chance for displacing or breaking staves.

## Boilers Lined with Copper.

An Austrian railway engineer has had the idea of protecting the boilers of locomotives against incrustation by means of copper plates. The front and back plates of the bottom of the boiler of an engine were covered with a sheet of copper one millimeter in thickness, the middle plate of the boiler being left unprotected. The engine was worked for two years on a portion of the line of the State railways where the water was of very bad quality. When the tubes were taken out the incrustation was found to be 10 millimeters in thickness on the surface of the iron, and only two to three millimeters thick on the copper plates. The iron was in many places corroded to the depth of 1 1/2 millimeters, while the copper was entirely unaffected, and the iron plate beneath it, when uncovered, looked perfectly new. The particles of incrustation were larger on the iron than on the copper. The cost of the copper covering is stated to be from 250 to 650 fr. per boiler.

Another engineer who examined and reported on the arrangement, says that the duration of the boilers is doubled or tripled by the application of the copper plates, which afford extraordinary security against explosion. The incrustation is much less on copper than on iron or steel, which is porous and slightly oxidized, and consequently the vaporization is more complete, and there is a corresponding saving of fuel. In the construction of a boiler to be lined with copper the iron plates may be of less thickness without risk; the weight of the boiler is thus considerably reduced; and, lastly, the expense for repairs is considerably diminished. We have, however, to consider the galvanic effect of the contact of the two metals, and require reports on other waters less calcareous, but more acid, than the one alluded to above as of "very bad quality."

**Utilization of Power.**—Mr. F. J. Bramwell said, in his annual address to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers: "Do we, in our applications of power, make as much use of wind, water and waves as we ought, remembering that their power may be transmitted to a distance? Do we resort, to any large extent, to sources of power in nature other than coal? Is it not the fact that mechanical invention has gone back in these matters rather than forward? And do we utilize that primary source of power, the heat of the sun, the current heat from year to year, making the most barren hill-sides, as it seems to me we might do, by planting quick-growing trees, which, fostered and matured by the sun, would yield large quantities of wood to be used as fuel for domestic purposes? Are we estimating at their full value the deposits of peat, and are we not tempted to pass by this large store of fuel, because its use is attended with difficulties? Is it not true that we use coal in the most grossly wasteful manner? How much of the fuel goes up the chimneys of our furnaces unconsumed, in the form of visible carbon, or in the worse, because less readily detected, form of invisible carbonic oxide?" In the face of such faults and errors, Mr. Bramwell argues that it is the duty of mechanical engineers, "by precept, practice and example, to do all that lies in their power to cause all to respect and understand the value of that which they have too long lightly treated and grossly abused."



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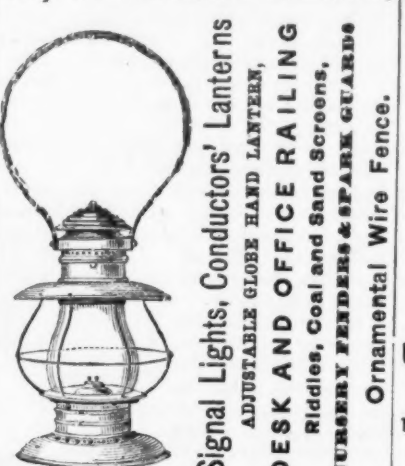
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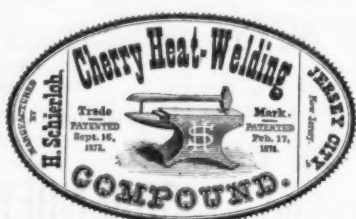
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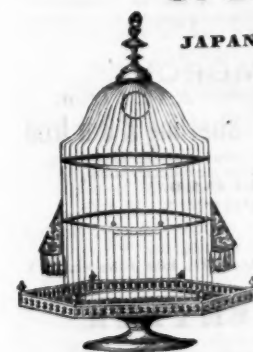
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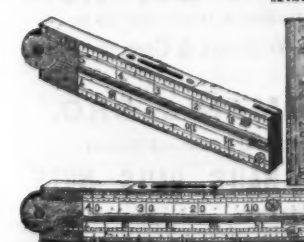
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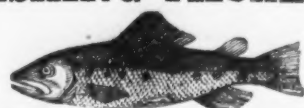
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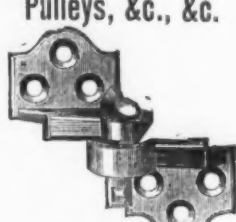
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ST. CHARLES RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSOURI AT 20 MILES FROM ST. LOUIS. (Visited 10th November, 1873.)—This bridge, which is remarkable on account of the difficulty of its foundations, was designed and constructed by Mr. C. Shalom Smith. It has seven spans; four "trellis" or "double triangular girder truss," of 330 feet each, and three Fink "deck" trusses of 305 feet each. The rails are 90 feet above low water, or 51 feet above the extraordinary high water mark of 1844. The track is single, without footways, and there are no "draws."

There are eight river piers, and the foundations of six of them presented new and extraordinary difficulties of construction, owing to the existence of a bed of boulders below a shifting sandy bottom, to the sudden rising of the water, to the great velocity of the current at times of flood, and to the immense fields of ice which float down at the end of the winter season. Nos. 1 and 2 piers were founded easily on the rock at low water. No. 3 pier was founded in 23 feet of water at ordinary water stage. A wooden caisson without a floor was sunk on the site, the decomposed limestone within it was excavated by divers till solid rock was reached, and the crater was filled with concrete and two courses of stone laid upon it. The foundation was then ready for pumping out the water; but the river suddenly rose 26 feet, and crushed the caisson. On the subsidence of the river, the foundation proving uninjured, the pier was built on a caisson boat and sunk on the spot. No. 5 pier.—The rock was here 68 feet from the surface. The compressed air system was, in sinking the foundation, combined with Eads' sand pump and air lock at the bottom of the caisson, and a peculiar "boulder shaft," with a separate lock, was designed to get rid of the boulders. Piers 6, 7 and 8 are alike in the character of their foundations. Inside a circle of piles a caisson was sunk about 30 feet by dredging, and stones were pitched round the piling as the caisson sank. This was continued till stone began to appear in the dredger buckets, which was a sign that the "rip-rap" had begun to pass beneath the piles. When this took place, dredging was stopped, and bearing piles were driven down to the rock and cut off at the level of the bottom of the caisson. The pier was then lowered on the top of the pile-heads, and the caisson being filled with stones, the foundation was complete.

The superstructure was erected on three temporary piers of piling, protected by cribwork, under each river span. On these supports Howe truss spans, 80 feet in length, were placed; and from this foundation sprang the "false work" or centering on which the iron superstructure was put together.

The approaches of the bridge are upon forty iron tressels, and, including these tressels, the bridge is 6570 feet long. Its entire cost was about \$2,250,000, or double the original estimate. This excess was due to the great and unforeseen difficulties encountered in constructing the foundations.

ST. LOUIS BRIDGE. (Visited November, 1873.)—The Mississippi at St. Louis is confined to a single channel, 1600 feet wide and 8 feet deep at extreme low water, by an embankment or levee on the Illinois side, which is carried up to above the level of extreme high water, at which time the width is augmented to 2200 feet.

Both shores are revetted below the low water line with rubble stones, and protected by the wharf pavements above that line. The extreme range between high and low water is 41 feet. Owing to the narrow gorge through which the whole volume of the Mississippi flows, the variations in the bed of the river are very great. Captain James B. Eads, M. Inst. C. E., the distinguished engineer who designed the bridge and superintended its construction, informed the author that a rise of 13 feet less than high water mark caused a scour of 18 feet, and that in the freshest of 1870 the scour reached a depth of 51 feet below low water mark alongside the east pier. These facts induced him to believe it possible, that the scour at times of extraordinary high flood might extend even to the rock itself. He therefore determined to establish the piers and abutments on the rock; and this was done by means of caissons provided with air chambers and locks at depths, for the east pier and east abutment, reaching 136 feet below high water mark, or 110 feet from the surface of the water, when the foundation work was actually performed. This feat, which was satisfactorily executed in 1870-'71, is quite unprecedented in the annals of engineering.\*

The piers and abutments are composed of coarsed rubble masonry up to low water mark. Above this level they are faced with gray granite from the State of Maine, which cost \$10 per cubic yard in situ. The interior of the work is of magnesian limestone. The massive appearance of the granite rock facing, and its close jointing, are very striking.

The contract prices and the total quantities of the steel and iron work required for the bridge are as follows:

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The bridge has three spans, each formed with ribbed arches made of cast steel—a novelty in bridge building. The center span is 520 feet and the side ones 502 feet each in the clear. The rise of the center arch is 47½ feet, that of the side ones 46 feet each. These are by far the largest arched spans in the world, and, under the able direction of Col. Flad, Capt. Eads' chief assistant, they are now being rapidly erected gradually from each pier and

abutment, without the aid of centering.\* Each span is composed of four double ribs of steel (well braced together, at their relative distances from each other), and the tubes forming them are jointed butt to butt. They are clasped together by wrought iron couplings (which proved to be much better than steel), furnished with parallel grooves corresponding with similar grooves on the tubes. Steel pins, varying from ¼ inches to 7 inches in diameter, pass through the center of the couplings and the ends of the tubes at every joint. The vertical bracing between the upper and the lower tubular ribs—which are 12 feet apart from center to center—convert the two members into a single arch.

At the time of the author's visit two of the openings were already spanned by the steel tubes, which are all 18 inches in diameter and 12 feet to 13 feet long, but of thicknesses varying from 1½ inch to 2½ inches.

The arches are to carry a double railroad track, and above the track a roadway, 54 feet wide, for carriages and foot passengers. Capt. Eads hoped to be able to open the bridge in the summer of the following year. As fourteen railroads were waiting to make use of it, he was of opinion that the bridge company would eventually secure a good dividend on their capital, although, from causes too numerous to mention, the outlay on the bridge had already considerably exceeded the original estimate. The extreme range of temperature at St. Louis is 160°; and it is calculated by Capt. Eads that at 140° the arches will rise 8 inches, and that at 20° they will fall as much below the point at which they will be maintained at a medium temperature.

Since the above was written, the author has received a letter from Capt. Eads, dated St. Louis, July 15th, 1874, in which he says:

"My bridge was thoroughly tested on the 2d with 500 tons of engines and 140 tons of tenders. This weight of 700 tons was run, first on one track on each span and then on the other, to produce twisting of the arches, and then it was divided into two trains (seven engines and tenders in each), and these were advanced abreast on to each span to produce the greatest distortion of the curve of the arch, and finally each arch was covered with the trains. The latter produced only 3½ inches deflection on the 520 feet span and 3¼ inches on the other two. No lateral movement could be detected by the instruments under the effect of the side-loading or twisting strain. The deflections were almost in exact accordance with the theoretical computations. The bridge was opened on the 4th July with great enthusiasm, a procession being formed of all trades and callings, which was five hours in passing a fixed point. It was estimated to be 15 miles long, and passed over the bridge and back."

ROEBLING'S RAILROAD SUSPENSION BRIDGE (SINGLE TRACK) OVER THE NIAGARA RIVER. (Visited 10th October, 1873, with Mr. McAlpine, M. Inst. C. E.)—This bridge has one span of 860 feet, which weighs as many tons. The height of the tower on the American side is 88 feet, and on the Canadian side 78 feet. The bridge, which is 24 feet wide, and has a road for carriages suspended 28 feet below the railway line, is hung on four wire cables each 10 inches in diameter. Their combined ultimate capacity is about 12,400 tons. To preserve them from rust they are covered with a thick coating of hydraulic cement. The old timber work of the roadway, which is 250 feet above the river, is now being removed and replaced. Trains passing over the bridge are restricted to a speed not exceeding 4 miles an hour. The first locomotive passed over it in March, 1855. The cost of its construction was \$36,000, and the railway companies using it pay an annual toll of \$2000 a year. The road and passenger tolls bring in about \$2000 a year in addition. The rise and fall at the center of this bridge is stated by Mr. Roebling to be 27 inches under a change of 100° of temperature; that is, the roadways are 2½ feet higher at zero than at a temperature of 100°.

INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD BRIDGE (SINGLE TRACK) OVER THE NIAGARA, FROM FORT ERIE TO BUFFALO. (Visited 14th October, 1873.)—This bridge is being built by a company, of which Mr. Byrdges, Assoc. Inst. C. E., is president, and Mr. Hannaford the engineer-in-chief. The chief contractors are Messrs. Gzowski and Macpherson. By common consent, the chief credit in overcoming the extraordinary difficulties which beset the building of the piers of this bridge is due to Col. Gzowski, upon whom all the practical operations devolved.

The river Niagara at Fort Erie is about 1900 feet wide, and its depth ranges from 16 feet to 48 feet. The variation in the level of the river does not exceed 2 feet when uninfluenced by the wind. Its bed consists partly of rock, and partly of clay and large boulders. The normal current is 5½ miles an hour, but during southwest gales it sometimes attains 12 miles an hour—when the water has risen 4 feet in a few hours. With such unusually strong currents, and with ice floes often 3 feet thick to contend against in the winter months, the founding of the piers was no ordinary task. Five of them on the Canadian side are built on the rock, whilst the three on the United States side rest on bearing piles. The masonry was got in by means of outer and inner caissons. The anchoring of the former, while being sunk in place, was a most difficult operation, and quite unique in character as an engineering feat.

The main bridge has nine spans, varying from 180 feet to 250 feet, and is 1908 feet long, including the abutments; but including the length of the bridge across Black Rock Harbor, or the Erie Canal (600 feet), and the embankment joining the two bridges, the total length of the work is 2650 feet. The iron superstructure, all from the Phoenixville Works, is known as the "Pratt" or quadrangular truss. Its great strength is due to its depth, which in the center of the 240 feet spans is 26 feet, and in the center of the "draw" 35 feet. It only weighs 1½ ton per lineal foot, and was put in place by mooring water-tight caissons between the spans, and then building a platform on them to the required height. By means of hydrants in the caissons they can be sunk to any level and be easily removed. The draw or swing is 362 feet long, and can be worked either by hand or by steam; by the latter it can be swung in about a minute.

Since the above was penned, Colonel Gzowski has published a most valuable description of the International Bridge,† in which he states that it was opened on the 3d of November, 1873, and that the cost was about \$300,000, including extras and interest on the outlay during construction.

\* All details concerning the erection of the arches are given in a valuable paper read before the American Society of Civil Engineers by Mr. J. C. Cooper, C. E.

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in Washington the following specifications of  
certain patents lately issued, which will be  
found interesting:

IMPROVEMENT IN ANNEALING FURNACE SLAG  
CASTINGS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent,  
No. 162,932, dated May 4, 1875, issued to Fred.  
A. Luckenbach, of New York, N. Y.

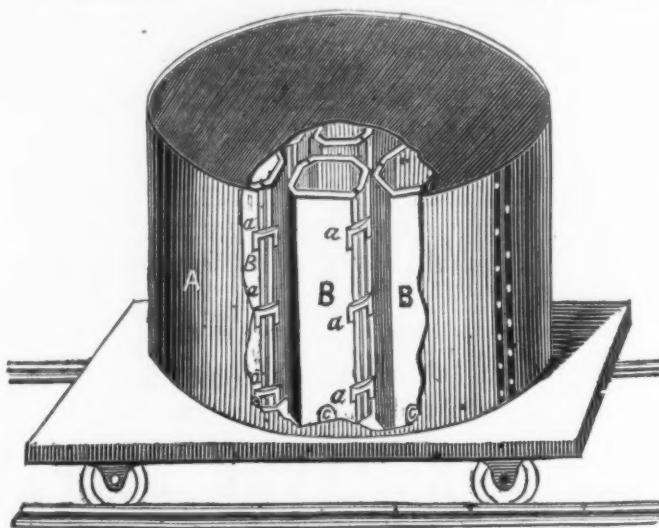
This invention is designed to provide for the  
manufacture of paving and building blocks,  
fire brick, and other articles, from the slag of  
blast furnaces, which shall be of even and uni-  
form texture and homogeneous character  
throughout, and which shall be refractory in a  
degree hitherto unknown, possessed of unusual  
hardness, and consequent capacity for resisting  
wear, concussion and attrition, as well as re-  
sisting the action of fire when required. The  
invention comprises a novel process of anneal-  
ing such castings, by providing around them  
an external mass of molten slag, which, inclos-  
ing the casting, and itself slowly cooling, re-  
tards radiation of heat from the castings, and  
thus insures the correspondingly slow cooling  
of the casting with even and uniform contrac-

tion in all its parts, thereby insuring its homo-  
geneity and solidity throughout.  
Figure 1 is a perspective and partial sectional  
view, showing the combination of the molds  
within the box or casing, with the required  
chambers between, as arranged preparatory to  
the practice of the invention. Fig. 2 is a de-  
tached sectional view on a larger scale of the  
molds.

A is a box or casing of boiler plate or other  
suitable material, and of any preferred shape  
or configuration. For convenience of moving,  
this box A may be mounted upon a truck or  
wheeled support of any kind. This box is made  
in vertical sections, united by bolts or keys  
that may be easily withdrawn to permit the re-  
moval of the same after the solidification of  
the slag as hereinbefore explained. B are  
the molds, made in vertical or longitudinal  
sections, held together by clamps a or other  
well known or suitable devices, each mold  
having an opening at opposite sides of its  
lower end, as shown at c. Each mold has  
annular ribs f, or angular cross-section, ex-  
tending around its inner circumference, at any  
required distances apart, as indicated in Fig.  
2, the molds being of iron, either cast or  
wrought. Any desired number are set on  
end within the box A, and molten slag  
from the blast furnace is run into the box.

The process is, strictly speaking, a concentra-  
tion of the fine metals, as the gold and  
silver remain intact, while the base ones only  
are removed, so that it may be regarded as a  
cheap preliminary operation preparatory to the  
final separation of each metal. It consists of  
five distinct operations, viz., first, melting and  
preparing the metal for operation No. 2 and  
granulation; second, roasting the granula-  
tions; third, leaching the roasted mass with  
weak sulphuric acid; fourth, subsequently  
leaching with brine; fifth, melting into fine  
bars.

IMPROVEMENT IN REFINING BASE METAL BULLION.  
Specifications forming part of Letters Patent



IMPROVED FURNACE FOR ANNEALING SLAG CASTINGS.—Fig. 1.

No. 162,891, dated May 4, 1875, issued to Fred-  
erick H. Bousfield, of San Francisco, California.

The metal to which this process has especial  
reference is essentially an alloy of gold, silver  
and copper, and silver and copper in variable  
proportions, and apt to contain, beside, an ap-  
preciable percentage of other metals coming  
under the general denomination of "base."  
These alloys or mixtures of metals are pro-  
duced in the various processes of gold and  
silver extraction from their ores in the art and  
in the minting of money.

The purification or refining of such mixtures  
has hitherto been effected by various processes,  
all of which have necessitated the consump-  
tion or waste of a certain amount of the oxidiz-  
ing medium, whether nitric acid, sulphuric  
acid, or a mixture of both acids. In this pro-  
cess waste is entirely obviated, and the neces-  
sary oxidation brought about by an entirely  
different method, eminently simple and econ-  
omical.

The process is, strictly speaking, a concentra-  
tion of the fine metals, as the gold and  
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tions; third, leaching the roasted mass with  
weak sulphuric acid; fourth, subsequently  
leaching with brine; fifth, melting into fine  
bars.

The success of the whole operation depends  
upon the roasting of the granulated metal.

To bring about a complete roasting, or the  
oxidation of the maximum amount of copper,  
it is necessary (if the bullion does not already  
contain it) to add two to five per cent. of lead,  
or sufficient lead bullion to bring it up to this  
proportion before granulating. This causes  
the metal to effloresce and form a spongy po-  
rous mass in the roasting, whereby the oxida-  
tion is greatly and rapidly promoted. Without  
this addition the most prolonged exposure to  
the oxidizing influence of a furnace will only  
secure a partial conversion of a film like char-  
acter, which protects the rest of the metal from  
the beneficial influence, and fails to secure  
more than a minimum of oxides. The granu-  
lations should be pretty fine, which is effected  
by pouring the molten metal through perforat-  
ed ladles into cold water.

The furnacing or roasting is carried on, by  
choice, in a muffled furnace, somewhat similar  
to those now in use at the wet-extraction works  
for the roasting of copper ores, and which is  
simply an enlarged form of which the chem-  
ist's muffle furnace is the type.

The leaching with weak sulphuric acid ren-  
ders the oxide of copper easily soluble. It has  
only to be concentrated by evaporation for the  
crystallized sulphate of copper to separate, and  
be at once a marketable article. It is effected  
in lead lined tanks or vats heated with steam.

The leaching with brine, which is to be hot  
and concentrated, is for the purpose of remov-  
ing the lead, which has been successively con-  
verted into oxide by the furnacing, and sul-  
phate by the sulphuric acid, of the previous  
operation.

The brine is to be contained in wooden tanks,  
and changed from time to time. The comple-  
tion of this portion of the operation may be  
readily ascertained by a portion of the brine  
solution failing to give a white precipitate with  
solution of liquid ammonia.

The last part of the process consists in wash-  
ing the spongy mass once or twice with hot  
water, drying and fusing with borax in an or-  
dinary plumbago or clay crucible, and casting  
into bars.

By this process it is possible to refine bullion  
containing sixty per cent. up to 965 fine, or  
within five one-thousandths of purity. The  
process is also applicable to the refining of  
base metal amalgams, as, by incorporating the  
proper amount of lead amalgam with the base  
metal amalgam previous to retorting, the same  
efflorescence and sponification and oxidation  
are brought about by removing the door of the  
retort, and exposing the mass to the continued  
action of the heat subsequent to the comple-  
tion of the retorting proper. The metal will  
then be found in a condition admitting of the  
after processes of leaching.

Claim.—The process herein described for re-  
fining bullion—that is, by adding, while melted,  
lead to the amount of about two or five per  
cent., granulating the alloy, roasting the gran-  
ules, and subsequently leaching with the sul-  
phuric acid, and then brine, substantially as  
set forth.

## The Composition of Metalline.

New York, June 17, 1875.

To the Editor of The Iron Age: DEAR SIR.—  
In your issue of this date we notice an article  
headed "The Composition of Metalline," trans-  
lated from the *Deutsche Industrie Zeitung* of  
May 20. This article, while acknowledging the  
great merits of metalline, charges that its com-  
position was concealed in our patent, and insin-  
uates that this was done from improper motives.  
The ground of the charge is a published anal-  
ysis of a specimen of metalline procured from  
the English metalline office by B. Hoff, the anal-  
ysis having appeared in the *Polytechnisches  
Journal*.

In justice to ourselves we ask you to pub-  
lish the following statement, which an examina-  
tion of the English patent (which is the one  
referred to in your article) will confirm, show-  
ing the unfounded nature of the above charge.

The specifications of the patent covering the  
invention of metalline describe a new mode of  
putting substances together, and then fifteen  
examples are given composed of different sub-  
stances, mineral, vegetable and animal, in-  
tended to show the broad range of matter  
which can be thus treated. It is stated that  
nearly 5000 varieties of metalline have been  
made, and that drawing our resources from the  
vegetable, animal and mineral kingdoms,  
many millions of varieties may be produced.

The claims in the patent are as follows:

1st. "The process herein set forth of select-  
ing, treating, compounding and consolidating  
certain substances by which are produced new  
compositions of matter (denominated by the  
inventor "Metalline") designed for the purpose  
of journal boxes, and other parts of machinery,  
and other articles whose surfaces in use are  
subjected to friction, and which substances  
possess such properties and conditions that in  
the practical use in machinery, and elsewhere  
in the arts, of such articles made of it, so little  
friction is actually caused and so little heat  
thereby developed, that all necessity for the  
application of oil or any other lubricant is en-  
tirely obviated, as herein set forth.

2d. "Each of the several compositions of  
matter hereinbefore described, when respec-  
tively composed of the substances specified, or  
their respective equivalents, and compounded  
and consolidated in the manner described, or  
any other manner by which an equivalent effect  
is obtained for the purposes named."

Prof. Hoff evidently obtained, in England,  
and submitted to analysis, a sample of metalline  
varying in the materials composing it from any  
of the examples given in the patent as mere il-  
lustrations of our process.

If he had applied to us we could have fur-  
nished him with hundreds of specimens of  
varieties now in successful use in machinery,  
each one of which varies from that analyzed by  
him in every particular, except in the mode of  
their manufacture. Making as we do no se-  
cret of the process covered by our patents, we  
would be happy to show to Mr. Hoff, as we  
have shown to many scientific men, all the de-  
tails of the manufacture of metalline, with the  
composition of the numerous varieties which  
we have made. Yours, very truly,  
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The rolling mills of the McCullough Iron  
Company, including those at North East,  
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but are suffering from the lack of sufficient  
water in the streams by which they are run—  
the Elk creeks and the Octoraro. The company  
are making every effort to complete their two  
new mills in Wilmington, which will be run by  
steam, and hope to get them in operation in  
July. They are said to be the finest rolling  
mills in the country.

The Lenton, Ohio, Pottery Company have  
the foundation walls for their buildings about  
completed; their dimensions will be 60x99 feet  
front, and 50x150 feet deep, will be two stories  
high, and be built of brick throughout.

C. H. Nimson, Esq., has leased the Emaus  
Iron Company's Works, at Emaus, Pa., to-  
gether with all mines and other property be-  
longing thereto.

It is said that the Bellaire, Ohio, Nail Works  
are shipping a large proportion of their product  
direct to California.

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number of which manufacture work exceeding  
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The Ashland Machine Company, Ashland,  
Ohio, have suspended operations.



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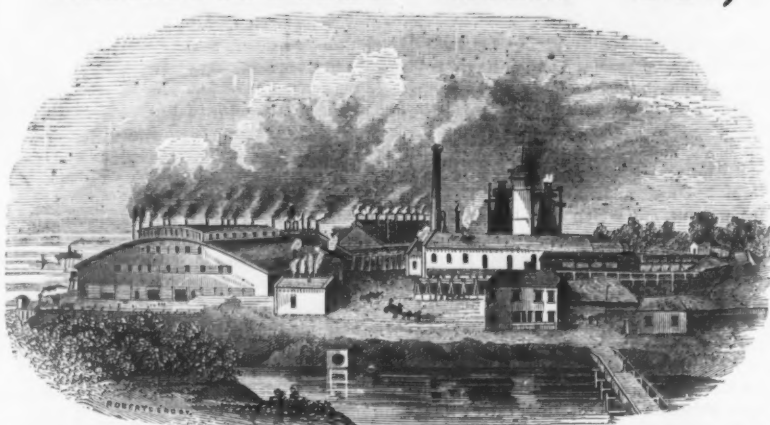
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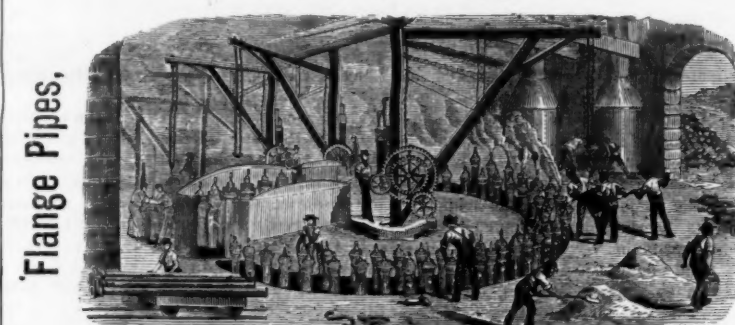
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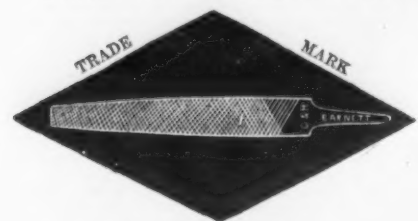
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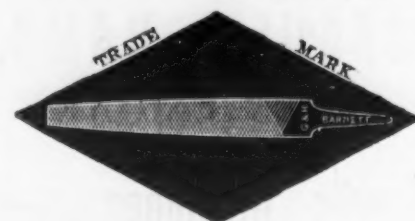
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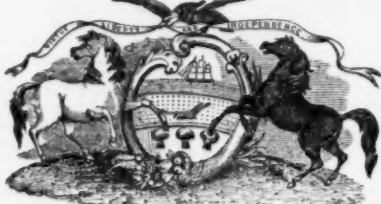
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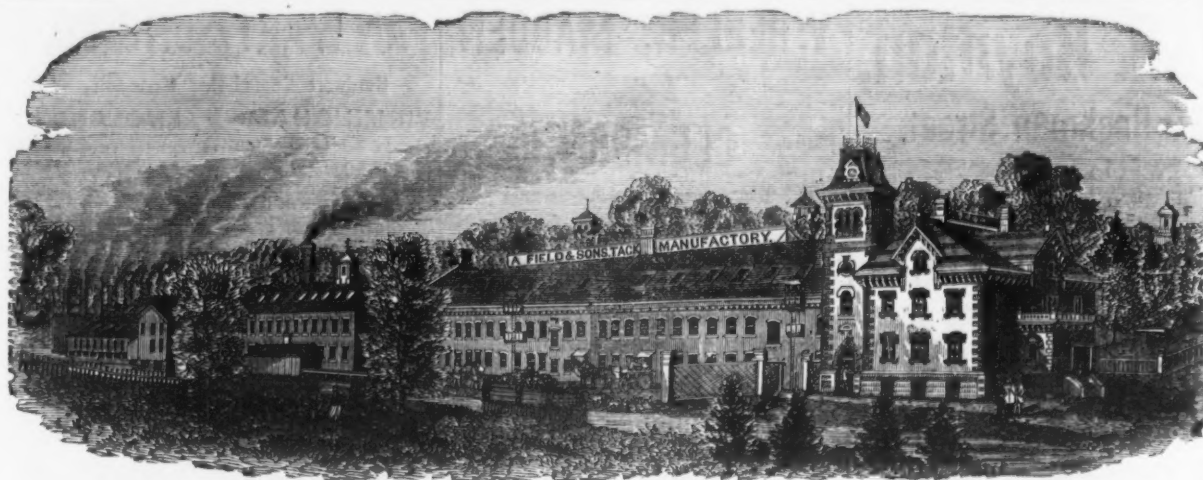
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### BUSINESS ITEMS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company, near Harrisburg, are at work on an order for 5000 tons of steel rails for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, of California. The Bethlehem works are filling an order for the same road. These rails are to be shipped to San Francisco, and will be used in filling the gap of 100 miles which now exists between the Los Angeles division of the Southern Pacific and Tulare Valley division.

Work in the Reading Railroad shops is going on about as it did before the suspension. About 1300 men are employed, the majority of them working ten hours a day.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

Quilmont Furnace, owned by the New River Car Company, situated on the line of the C. and O. road, with a stack of 60 feet by 12 feet, using coke, makes 180 tons pig iron per week at a cost of \$17.27 per ton at the furnace. Freight to the Ohio River \$1.50.

#### TENNESSEE.

A company for the manufacture of iron wagons has been formed in Clarksville, and contracts have been made to erect the necessary buildings.

#### CONNECTICUT.

The loss by the burning of the repair shop of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad here is less than at first estimated, and will probably not exceed \$30,000; no insurance. The shop will be immediately rebuilt.

The Berkshire Courier says that the new furnace of Barnum Richardson Company, at East Canaan, which was blown out about one week since, performed one of the greatest feats that has ever been made by any charcoal furnace in the United States, by the production of 8031½ tons of car wheel iron at a single blast continuing 104 weeks.

Milo Peck, of New Haven, one of the oldest manufacturers of drop presses in the United States, has just shipped a press to Birmingham, England, which works with a drop of 2500 lbs., 2½ feet fall, 60 times per minute.

Mr. John Adt, machinist and inventor, of New Haven, has invented and is now manufacturing a machine which will cut, bend and finish 500 staples a minute.

The Beecher Manufacturing Company, of Meriden, have been annoyed so much by injunctions and suits brought by people who complained of the noise of their drop hammers, that they have decided to leave that place and locate elsewhere.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ranlet Manufacturing Company, Lacombe, have constructed a freight car which can safely carry two tons of freight to one of dead weight, the reverse of which is true of ordinary freight cars. The body of the car is supported upon one truck of six wheels.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

The Holyoke Machine Company have just sent a five-roll sheet super-calendar to a large paper mill in Southern France, and are sending their work to San Francisco and Nova Scotia. They are now making a specialty of their recently patented web super-calendars. They have begun a 600 pound Gould patent rag engine, which they have the exclusive right of manufacturing, for the Harding Paper Mill, at Philadelphia, owned by the Philadelphia Inquirer, and where its paper is made.

The Haskins Engine Company, at Fitchburg, have increased their working force, and continue running full time. They have shipped one of their 20-horse double hoisting machines to Lee, and have added several orders to their books within the past month for their upright steam engines.

The Burleigh Rock Drill Company, of Fitchburg, are building one of the largest compressors they have ever made. Its capacity will be equal to the delivery of 1,356,500 cubic inches of air per minute, and it will be operated by the Ophir Silver Mining Company, Gold Hill, Nevada. This compressor is probably the largest in the world, and will likely be duplicated for exhibition at the Centennial. They will be fitted with the Putnam Machine Company's valve motion. The Burleigh Rock Drill Company have completed and set up the machinery for sinking the shaft on the Newburyport silver mine, and have just delivered to the United States Coast Marine Department a set of drills for service in the harbors of Rockland and Bangor, Maine. They have been particularly successful with their drill for working at bed rock 20 feet under water, while their stoping drill for overhead work has had great success.

The Fitchburg Machine Company have, during the past month, again added to their force, which now numbers about 200 men on full time. The increase has been necessary, for, in addition to the press of orders recently noted, they have a contract for the tools to fit up a large and recently built railroad shop at Oswego, N. Y., and also a contract to furnish and fit the new shops of the Winchester Rock Drill Company, at Springfield, Mass. They have also received from C. H. Brown & Co., the celebrated engine builders, an order for a planer which will weigh, complete, 28 tons. This tool will have a 22 foot table and 40 foot bed, and plane a surface 6 feet square and 72 inches high.

#### OHIO.

Three hundred men are employed at the steel wire mills of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, in the Eighteenth ward, and 500 tons of wire are made per month.

The Globe Iron Works Company, of Cleveland, are erecting a fine brick boiler shop, 75 by 112 feet, adjoining their other works, having use for both the old and new shops.

The Haddock Nail Machine and Manufacturing Company intend to erect nail works in Cincinnati.

The Cleveland City Forge and Iron Company,

80 hands; Lake Shore Foundry, 150 hands, are full up with orders.

The car wheel foundry, at Cleveland, is running to its full capacity. The Fulton Company are also running full, turning out 32 car wheels per day.

The Globe Mill, at Cincinnati, is running single, making sheets, plate and merchant iron, producing 150 tons per week.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The San Francisco Boiler works employ 375 men, and the working time is 23 hours.

Mr. J. L. Heald, of Vallejo, is building six straw burning engines of the following dimensions: Cylinder, 8 inches, 12 inch stroke, and 16 horse-power; boiler, 9 feet 6 inches long, 40 inches diameter, a 24 inch main flue, thirty-two 2½ inch tubes 7 feet long. Engine bolted on to side of boiler. Slive governor and improved heater; adjustable exhaust. Some of the boilers are of steel.

#### ILLINOIS.

The Chicago and Joliet Rolling Mills are said to have orders for new steel rails sufficient to keep their steel department running for a year to come, aggregating 75,000 tons. These orders are from the Rock Island, Alton, Illinois Central, Michigan Central and the Union and Central Pacific roads, and all are to replace old rails. The Chicago Tribune states that these orders have been nearly all taken by the two mills in Chicago and the one at Joliet at 40 per cent. less than the ruling rate in 1873 and 25 per cent. less than the current rate for foreign rails.

The works of the Joseph H. Brown Iron and Steel Company, the construction of which is to be rapidly pushed forward, are to be located on 90 acres of ground, donated for the purpose, on the Calumet River, at South Chicago. The property has a dock frontage of 1500 feet, and as the river is 14 feet deep, and the iron bridges which span it have 60 feet draws, lake vessels can easily go up to the works. Instead of the original design of erecting works with capacity of 50 tons only per day, just enough to work up the daily production of scrap iron in this city, the plans have been extended, and the works will have a capacity of from 150 to 200 tons per day. It is intended to have everything completed by September 1, 1876. About \$2,000,000 will be used in the plant. The incorporators are: Joseph H. Brown, president, of Youngstown, O.; Samuel Hale, of Chicago; Geo. A. Hale, of Chicago; Wm. Bonnell, of Youngstown; Charles B. Hale, of Chicago; Joseph T. Torrence, of Chicago, and Richard Brown, of Youngstown.

#### MISSOURI.

The St. Louis Rail Fastening Company have taken the contract for furnishing all the fastenings for the extension of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Road.

#### MICHIGAN.

The Menominee Furnace has fired up, after five weeks' suspension, for the purpose of building a new stack. She was blown in June 7th, and everything has since been working satisfactorily and well.

The Marquette and Pacific Rolling Mill, whose furnace has been banked up for about a fortnight, fired up and went into blast on Thursday, June 10th.

### Is there Too Much Iron?

The New York Herald gravely comments as follows on the condition of the iron market. We hope a subscription will be started to buy a few sample text books of metallurgy for the Herald library:


People have not stopped using iron. To be sure we have stopped building railroads at last, and in other countries they have begun to stop, also. There is evidently an over production of the most useful and important of metals. Why is it? Is it not, partly, because iron so abundant, so easily and cheaply produced in so many different parts of the world, is not destroyed by its first use? A shirt or a pair of trousers is destroyed by the wearer; an old hat is flung away; food is consumed, as we correctly say. But in that sense iron is not consumed. When a rail is worn down it is sent to the foundry and remelted, and its substance goes some way toward the making of a new rail. Old iron of all kinds has a commercial value, and is saved and sold, and used over again, and often improved by the first use. No farmer ever lets an old horseshoe lie on the road. He picks it up, and the blacksmith with a little labor makes a new horseshoe of it. Who can tell at what stage, after how many years of service in different capacities, a piece of iron finally disappears and is actually consumed? Perhaps those Pennsylvanians were wise who some years ago bought up a large part of the very rich iron and coal lands of Alabama, and then concluded to let them lie undeveloped until they saw whether it would pay to set up new furnaces and rolling mills.

Meantime it is pleasant to know that we have actually begun to export iron to Europe. In 1872 we exported 1477 tons of pig iron, and by 1874 the trade had grown to 16,039 tons. We can produce in some parts of the United States iron of a quality which Europe does produce so cheaply, and with this our iron masters ought to supply England and Continental Europe in constantly increasing quantities. Alabama furnaces now send iron to England, where it is found valuable for the construction of cast car wheels.

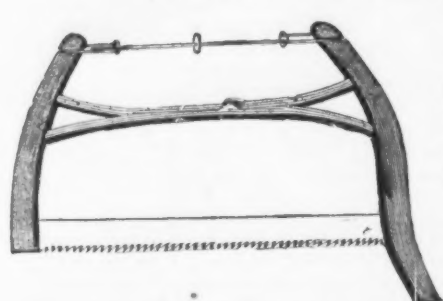
The superintendent of the Bellaire Rolling Mill and Nail Factory has gone East to negotiate with reference to the purchase of self-feeding nail cutters. The striking feeders are still out.

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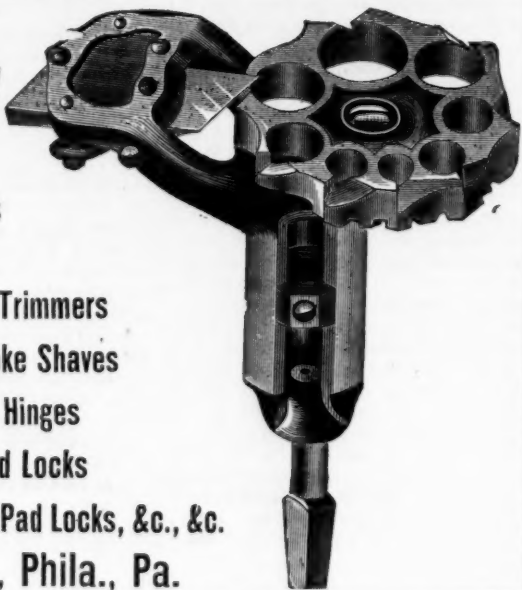
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The author of this hand-book says in his preface that his object in preparing it "has been to present to the practical inquirer a book to which he can refer with confidence for information in regard to every branch of his profession."

Rules and directions expressed in algebraic formulae are of little service to the majority of engineers, because they are not fully understood. The author, keeping this in mind, has avoided most of the points which render many of our handbooks of limited value to the practical man. He has had a long and extensive practical experience among the men for whom he writes, and understanding their wants, has produced a book which seems admirably adapted to those who have anything to do, in a practical way, with steam machinery. We have given the work a careful examination, and consider it one of the most satisfactory works of the kind we have ever seen. Mr. Roper thoroughly understands his subject, being entirely practical and, at the same time, having a correct understanding of scientific principles. His chapters on the theory of steam engineering are so simple and practical that there is no mechanic in the country, however ignorant he may be of higher mathematics, who cannot learn all they are intended to teach. His practical directions for the management of engines are just such as we should expect from an experienced engineer who had spent all his life in an engine room, but who had learned the theory as well as the practice of his trade. They are plain and to the point, and the reader may accept them with an entire confidence. His descriptions of engines, pumps and the appliances connected with engines, are exceedingly satisfactory, as are also his rules, which seem to be the best and simplest which could be formulated. The book has an abundance of tabular information, which seems to include all the tables that could be of any use. The engravings are good, and are just what is wanted to explain the text. In a word, the amount and kind of information contained in this little work seems to be all that could be desired. The owner of a steam engine cannot well do without it, and no one who runs an engine should be ignorant of any part of its contents.

A DEFENCE OF THE U. S. PATENT SYSTEM, by JOHN S. PERRY, Albany.

OUR COUNTRY'S DEBT TO PATENTS, by H. HOWARD, Philadelphia.

This is the first of a series of publications to be issued by the United States Patent Association, a society which grew out of the Patent Convention assembled in Washington, January 15, 1874. The object of that convention was to discuss and pass upon certain propositions enunciated by the Patent Congress held at Vienna in the summer of 1873, in relation to the principles which should govern the protection of the rights of inventors in all countries. The Vienna propositions looked to a gradual unification of the patent systems of civilized nations; and the National Committee appointed by the congress were enjoined "to use all their influence that the principles adopted be made known as widely as possible, and carried into practice;" and were, moreover, authorized "to endeavor to bring about an exchange of opinions on the subject, and to call, from time to time, meetings and conferences of the friends of patent protection." The Patent Convention, finding the time which could be allotted to such a meeting would not be sufficient for full discussion or intelligent action on all the questions relating to the protection of the rights of inventors, on which an expression of opinion was desired, determined that it would immediately proceed to organize a permanent society, to be known as the United States Patent Association, to which should be referred the various questions submitted to the Convention, and which should be charged with the duty of taking the necessary measures to bring about intelligent and united action by the inventors of the country to secure better protection of their rights, by developing a healthy public sentiment on the subject; by collecting and disseminating information relating to the effect of patents upon the industry and productive force of nations; by urging appropriate legislation upon Congress, especially with reference to simplifying and cheapening the legal remedies for infringement upon the rights of inventors; by co-operating in the movement now making in Europe for the establishment of more just and equitable patent systems abroad; and, generally, to take such action as might be deemed most for the advantage of inventors and of all who are interested in patent property.

The Association was accordingly organized January 16, 1874, by the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws, reported by a committee, and approved by the Convention, and by the election of a Board of Officers and Directors representing all sections of the country, and every form of interest in inventions and patents.

The second article of the Constitution declares that the "Association is not formed as a combination against any class or interest, nor shall the influence or means of this Association be used to aid any individual enterprise, or to promote any personal scheme." The varied character of the Board of Government, consisting as it does of men from all the different quarters of the country, and of different professions, is a guaranty of the good faith of this declaration.

One of the most important duties of the Association is the collection and publication of statistical information in reference to the relation of patents to the manufacturing and productive industry of the United States with a view to demonstrate the effect of a liberal patent system in developing the prosperity of nations. This branch of its operations will be of special importance in reference to its effect upon sentiment abroad, in encouraging the existing tendency of European opinion in favor of the adoption of a patent system closely assimilated to our own.

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## PHILADELPHIA CORRESPONDENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21, 1875.

That the Centennial year will bring with it all and more of the excitement with which it has been credited is not to be doubted, from the evidence of the lesser and preliminary side shows of that grand revival, which have already been celebrated in North Carolina, in Pennsylvania and in Massachusetts. The spirit of the people is so thoroughly aroused that we cannot by any possibility over-estimate the effect on the general business interests of the country. While, therefore, the business of this city, in common with that of many others, has been considerably interfered with during the past week by the celebration of the Centennial of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the time given to the occasion has by no means been lost, but rather may we look for a great stimulus to internal improvement, general industry and commerce between the States by the reunion of citizens from all sections of the country in a duty common to the patriotism of all. As the time, therefore, draws nearer to the celebration of the National Centennial, we may expect to see this feeling intensified, until there can be nothing left of sectional feeling to interfere with the progress of our national industry, wealth and prosperity.

The close of the coal strike has of course been the feature of interest for the week to consumers of coal, as well as to merchants generally. As previously reported by me, the failure of the committee of the union to negotiate either with the president of the Reading Railroad Company, or with the Coal Exchange, was the immediate cause of the resumption of work, as well as of the disbanding of the union. While the latter has been as yet only the case in the Schuylkill region, it is believed that it will very soon follow in the Wyoming and Luzerne coal fields, and that no further such stoppage of production is to be expected among the anthracite coal miners of the country. The effect on trade has already been felt here, and the general impression is that in common with the cessation of the railroad war the two settlements are the most auspicious events of the season, and will ensure, if anything can, an active trade for the remainder of the year. This has been the longest and most severe struggle between the operators and men which we have known. The loss of life and property has been great, while no possible benefit has accrued to any one, and the lesson has been so severely felt by all that it is most probable it will prevent a like occurrence in the future.

The meeting of the National Board of Trade, which has been holding its seventh annual session in this city during the week, has been of unusual interest and importance. Not only did the condition of the business of the country's industry and commerce afford abundant and momentous topics for discussion by as truly representative a body of men, but the list of subjects to be considered by the Board included matters of grave interest at the present time. No less than twenty-seven commercial and trade organizations were represented at this session, while the delegates bear the names of leaders in business enterprise in all the great commercial centers of the country. Moreover, the Philadelphia Board of Trade very wisely took advantage of the conjunction of so many leading business men of the country in this city at this time, to bring them in connection with the Centennial authorities, and to show them the progress of the work on the buildings as accomplished. This was all done without obtrusiveness or any impropriety, and with the happiest effect, since, without exception, all were pleased, and an amount of enthusiasm excited which will secure the influence, in their respective communities, of such solid men as the National Board of Trade is composed of.

The topics under discussion necessarily took a wide range, and the report of the executive committee included recommendations in regard to changes in the national bankruptcy law, the resumption of specie payments, and matters relative to currency and finance; against the payments of moieties to informers of infractions of the revenue laws; the Canadian reciprocity business, &c. The election of officers was followed by the reading of communications from the Associated Chamber of Commerce of Great Britain, and an invitation to the meeting of that body in Leeds, in September. The reports of committees, as presented, were generally very exhaustive of the subjects committed to them, such as those on transportation, which reviewed the whole subject of railway combinations, national interference in railways, fast freight lines, and a side shot at the tariff, by recommending "the promotion of our home industries, not by prohibitory tariffs, but by revenue laws that will afford incidental protection, by moderate and discriminating duties on imports," &c., &c. A sensible proposition, but one admitting of too much centralization of power, was the following, viz:

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Resolved, That Congress be memorialized to establish a bureau of internal improvements analogous to the coast survey, to make preliminary surveys, and suggest a comprehensive and thorough system of improvement.

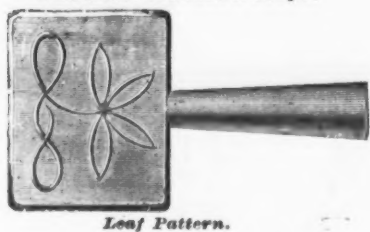
Subsequently discussions of importance were had upon the postal telegraph system, and the establishment of a system of uniform weights and measures, practically looking to the adoption of the metric system of France. After the adoption of numerous resolutions, among which was one highly endorsing the Centennial Exposition, and assuring its success, and the transaction of considerable routine business the board adjourned sine die.

The last monthly meeting of the Franklin Institute was unusually interesting in mechanical devices and novelties. Among the curiosities was shown a piece of flat rail made in England, in 1831, laid in the track of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, in 1832, and in constant use since. The history of the process of manufacture of this rail would be of interest. A new light for microscopic purposes was exhibited, and a specimen of the new toughened glass treated by the Bostie process of annealing in oil. A Gramme electrical machine, driven by a 5 horse-power engine on the stage, was exhibited and described by Prof. Barker, &c., &c. The proceedings were highly interesting, and shows the progress in practical science made by the Institute.



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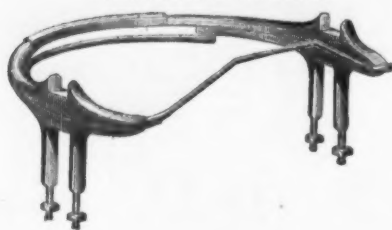
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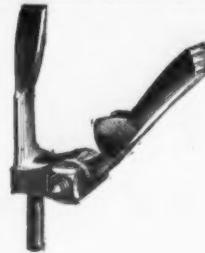


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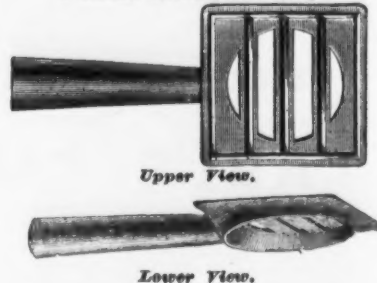
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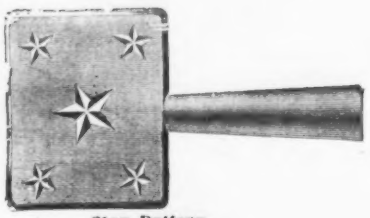
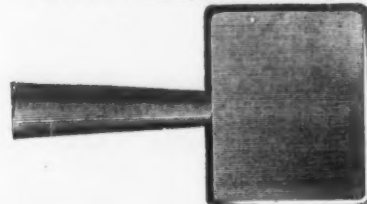
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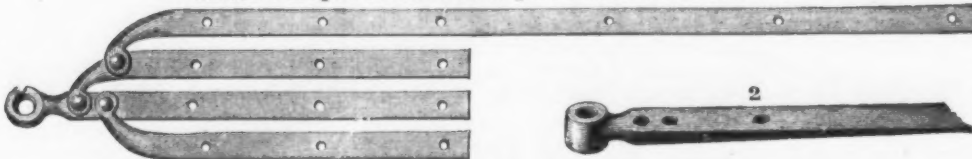
Lower View.

Solid Plain Pattern Steps.



Star Pattern.

Smith's Improved Philadelphia Pattern Slat Irons.



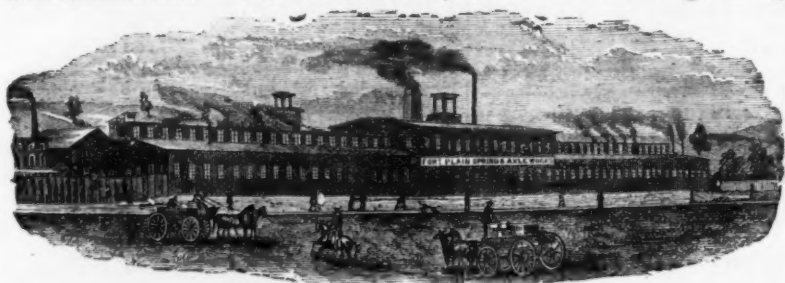
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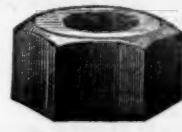
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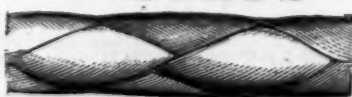
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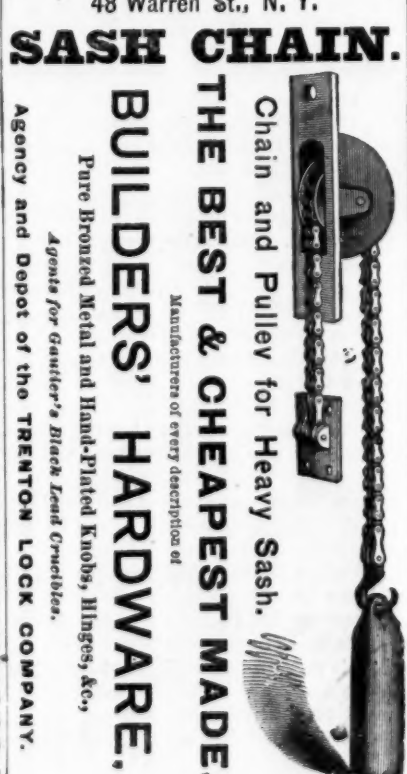
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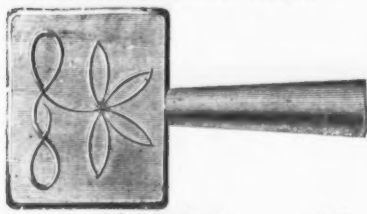



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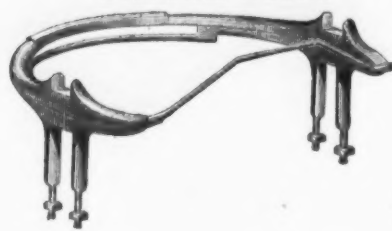
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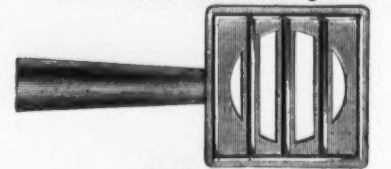
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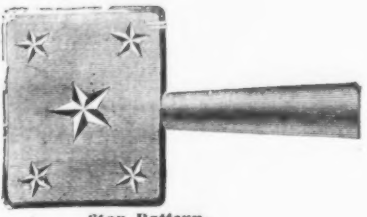
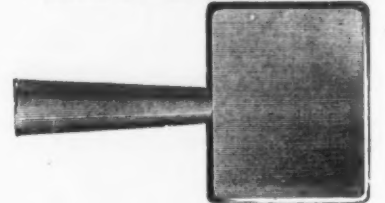


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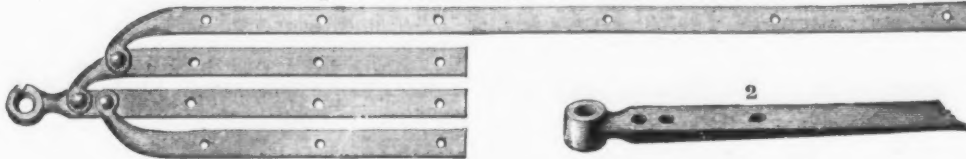
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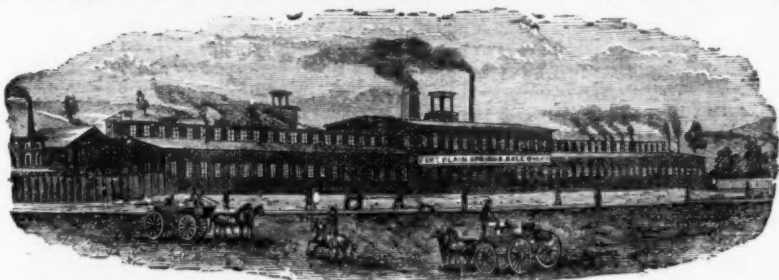
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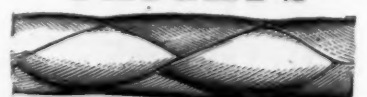
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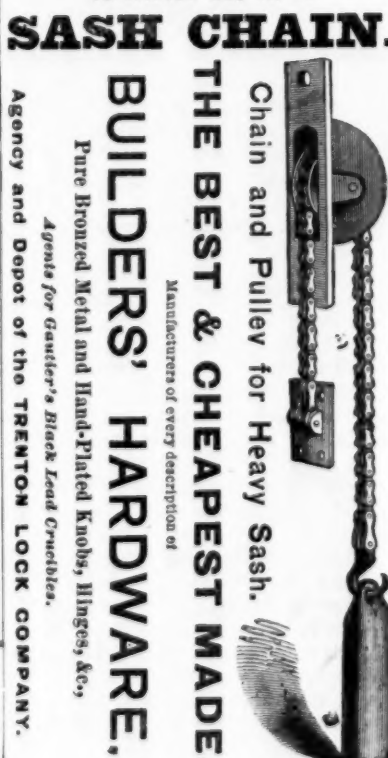


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## The Progress in Car Building.

An interesting item has lately been going the rounds of the press, and has found its way into several of our foreign exchanges. We quote it as follows:

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This illustrates very well the point which

the science of car building has reached at the present time. To understand what progress has been made we must glance at the work of the last 50 years. Men are now alive, and still at work at the trade, who built the first cars that ran upon railways in this country. The first cars were simply coach bodies of the common pattern, placed upon wheels. The next step consisted of putting two or more bodies together, and giving them a common frame and supporting them on wheels. This style of building gave a very weak structure. The whole strength was in the lower frame. Introducing doors into the sides destroyed the strength to such a degree that, in a long car the floor was the only part that furnished an efficient resistance to shocks of any kind. Cars of this character, with doors in the sides, are extensively used abroad, and their weakness is painfully shown in any accident which happens to send them off the rails. In the early days of railroading, one man was engineer, master mechanic, master car builder and superintendent. With the increase of the traffic the car department got too large to be successfully run under the same management as that of the motive power, and a new office was gradually created, by taking the car department out from under the charge of the master mechanic and giving it a head of its own, or a master car builder. Space would fail if we should attempt to trace the progress of this department of railroading from the time it became a separate branch to the present day. Although one of the youngest branches of railroad industry, and one held in too light esteem, it is one of the most important, and, in some respects, takes rank ahead of any other. The value of the cars upon a railway are generally several times greater than that of the engines, the expenses of construction are greater and the repair bills much heavier. The requirements in a railway car are varied, and of a character which no previous mechanical experience would enable us to meet; a new art had to be developed. It was as new a problem as that of the locomotive, and in many respects there was less data from which to start.

The first cars were, as we have seen, a succession of boxes, without strength as a whole, placed upon a frame. Our builders for a long time followed the style of framing which this construction entailed, and even did so after the long car came in fashion; and we are sorry to say that hundreds of cars built upon this plan are still running upon our railroads. They are so weak in the framing that it is almost impossible for a train of such cars to leave the rails without meeting serious injury. Passengers are generally killed every time one of these cars is dived, and we have known the same thing to happen when the train only jumped the track on a level, or ran out of an open switch on the ballast. Car builders soon began to appreciate the fact that in the common railway service, cars received shocks nearly equal to those incident to a collision. Many of the frightful accidents of early railroad days are now seen to have owed their deadly character entirely to the miserably weak cars, which went all to pieces at a trivial blow. It is impossible to destroy a car, no matter in how gentle a manner, without killing, or, at least, seriously injuring, the persons in it. A heavier style of floor framing was then adopted. The reader will understand that the whole strength of a car, so far as resistance to shocks is concerned, is to be found below the level of the window sills. Above this the car body is made as light as may be.

To illustrate the resisting power of a first class passenger car of the present day, we may mention an accident happening on the Hudson River road, in which a freight engine, at a speed of some 25 or 30 miles per hour, struck a passenger car fairly upon the end. The platform of the car was smashed, but though the end of the car was broken in, the engine did not reach the first seats. The concussion was so great that the engine was thrown over, if we remember rightly, into the river, seriously injured. Such a thing is by no means an exceptional occurrence. Not long ago a passenger car was run into a large depot at a good rate of speed and under the charge of an inexperienced brakeman. Being detached from the train, the man did not get the brake on soon enough, and the car struck the buffers at the end of the track, tore them out and ripped up 10 or 15 feet of the stone platform beyond. The platform was damaged to the value of \$400, but the car was put in running order at an expense of about \$30 or \$40. The fact that the car was in motion was certainly in its favor, but that would by no means account for the small damage done to the car. The car was strong at the point where strength was needed, and resisted as was intended. On another road with which we are familiar, a car was pushed from the track and dragged through a well ballasted freight yard, and over some rails which were slid off from

a platform car by the accident. This car was built in the old style of framing, and, on taking it out to the repair shop, it was found that the whole central portion of the floor, almost from truck to truck, was destroyed, every timber being broken or carried away. A few months afterward we were not at all surprised to hear that, in a rear collision; two trains on this road had been utterly wrecked and great loss of life followed. People in general attributed it to carelessness and the disobedience of orders, but the real cause was to be found in the fact that the cars had no power of resistance and were not able to withstand a hard blow. On other roads we have known trains to get just such blows and be none the worse for it, with nobody killed. To illustrate the matter in another way we mention an accident that happened three or four years since near New York. Two day cars of different patterns in an express train jumped the track and ran about three quarters of a mile over the frozen road bed before they were stopped. The load in each was about the same, but the damage done was by no means equal in the two. One car had pounded its trucks all to pieces, and was free from them, the body dragging on the ground. In the other car the extent of the damage was the cracking of a journal box (a casting for holding the end of the axle) and the breaking of a jaw, another casting, in which the journal box plays. In one case the repairs cost probably \$5, while in the other a whole new set of trucks was needed. The secret of this great difference was in the construction. During the winter of 1873 two trains, of about the same size, upon different roads, and running at ordinary passenger speeds, were dived. So far as could be learned the circumstances were very similar, no cars in either case turning over, the country being flat. On one road several people were killed, on the other "nobody hurt." So far as could be gathered from inquiries, the train in which people had been injured was made up of cheap cars poorly constructed. On the other road we know from personal examination that the cars were constructed in the best manner, and the train in question was made up of good cars. Now it must not be supposed that people cannot be killed in a well built car, or that a well built car cannot go to pieces in an accident. Well built cars are destroyed and people are killed in them, but this is not common. As a rule in a strong, well built car, people are safe in the more common accidents, and it is only in those of a more serious character that people are ever hurt in such cars. Almost any railroad man can tell, in the course of a single year's experience, of dozens of harmless mishaps that, with the cars of the olden time, would have caused loss of life.

It was our intention to have considered somewhat in detail in this article the technique of car building, giving some insight into what are considered by the best authorities the standard methods of construction. This, however, we must defer until our next issue, when we shall give our readers many interesting facts on this subject which we think are not generally known.

## The End of the Coal Strike.

After six months of voluntary idleness, involving many sacrifices which, had they been made in a worthy cause, would have been heroic, the anthracite miners have sensibly concluded to go to work again upon employers' terms. We are well aware that miners do not think, as a class, and that they learn nothing from experience, but we presume they realize that, in this instance, they are the only sufferers. They have lost the earnings of about half a year's labor, have squandered the accumulations of previous years of hard and dangerous toil, have acquired bad habits of indolence and vicious indulgence, have given crime a moral support, if not engaged in its commission, and have deprived their families of those necessary comforts of life, without which neither happiness nor health can be enjoyed. And after making these great sacrifices they have gained—nothing. In the first place, the strike was a failure from the outset. It never became general, for the miners of the Lackawanna and West Schuylkill districts refused to join, and the production of those districts was ample to supply the necessities of the market. There has at no time been a scarcity of coal in the general markets, and at the present time, just as the miners so long idle are getting ready to resume, there is plenty of coal at moderate prices, and the market is dull. By the end of the year the production of the country will probably have been brought up to an average of former years, and if a large stock is wanted, it will not be difficult to increase the product of this year over last. It is estimated that the production of anthracite for the first half of the current year will be only about 3,000,000 tons less than that for the corresponding period of 1874. This small deficit can easily be made good. There is always a considerable excess of skilled labor at the mines, and the operators will have no difficulty in accumulating as large stocks as they can carry through the winter. In a word, the miners are the only ones connected with the coal trade who have suffered to any extent from the strike. Whether they will remember this, when next they are urged to strike by the agitators who are always endeavoring to persuade them of the power they gain through organization, is doubtful. As we said before, they do not, as a class, learn anything from experience.

## The Statistical Position of Copper.

Stocks in Chili have of late gone on accumulating in consequence of the change which has been effected in the copper trade through the instrumentality of the cable. Instead of shipping off their copper, as they formerly used to do, regardless of whether there was a margin on the operation or not, the Chili houses now prefer to keep a large stock at home, thus steadying prices by maintaining the visible supply in Europe as low as possible. Any favorable change in value can be promptly availed of by shipping the copper, advising it by cable, and having it sold at any given moment. In other words, instead of being at the bidding of the London operators, the merchants of Chili now, to a certain extent, regulate the value of their principal metal themselves.

Respective of the quantity available for charter and belonging to the smelting establishments, the merchants were holding back on the coast, May 15, close upon 7000 tons. On the 1st instant there were afloat from Chili for Europe 6100 tons, as advised by mail, and 4200 tons, as advised by cable, making the afloats from there 10,300 tons. By way of comparison we shall not count the afloats by cable, but adhere to the old method of statistics ere the cable was laid, when it will be found that on the 1st of June the European visible supply stood 29,608 tons, against 34,238 in 1874, 38,984 in 1873, 35,495 in 1872, and 48,677 in 1871. But even this favorable exhibit would help the metal but little during a time of crisis, if it did not rest on a stronger and generally admitted basis of an increasing consumption on the other side.

The position of copper on the other side is consequently viewed with considerable confidence here, notwithstanding the recent colossal failures. As it is not dear at present, and as bankers during a period of widespread disaster prefer to hold solid values, there are many who will not hesitate to hold copper for the reasons we have given. More extensive purchases of copper at London for temporary investment could only benefit our own domestic article, since many may prefer to hold Lake copper for being the most desirable kind, and easily shifted back to where it came from, should we materially improve later on. Meanwhile trade in copper in this market begins to feel the effect of the dull times, and leads to no important transactions.

## The Nickel Ores of the United States.

The vast importance of the thorough development of all the mineral resources of the United States, when considered in connection with their abundance and variety, has made it a matter of surprise to many intelligent men, both of scientific and commercial pursuits, here and abroad, that we have bestowed comparatively so little attention upon the rarer and more costly metals of our country. In the struggle in which our industries have been engaged, under great competition and frequently under adverse legislation, it is but natural that both capital and energy should have been first expended in the development of the coal and iron of the country, as the readiest method both of accumulating wealth and supplying the demands of trade. With a better geological knowledge of our territory came, however, that of the existence of other metals in abundance, the use of which has so rapidly increased with the progress of civilization as to render their production at once a matter of profit and necessity. While the development of our iron industry was steadily progressing, we have found time, even at the extremely high rates of interest commanded by capital, to extend our labors to other sources of metallic supply, and have already developed these to no mean extent. The copper trade of the United States has expanded into such considerable proportions that we are not only supplying from the Lake Superior copper regions a large portion of our home trade, but are exporting ingots. Other sections of the country are coming into market with copper supplies, and we but recently noted the first shipment of ingot copper from North Carolina to the Baltimore market, which promised, from the excellence of the article re-

ceived, to furnish in future a regular demand for it. The mining and reduction of zinc ores has for years employed large amounts of capital in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, both in the forms of spelter and sheet zinc, while Missouri has also added greatly to her wealth by the attraction of capital to her borders for the production of this metal. The mining and smelting of lead has also become an important industry, not only to the States of the Northwest, but even to the extreme limits of the Great Basin, where the argentiferous galena of the region is reduced at even comparatively low cost, considering the high rates of labor and cost of fuel incident to that region of country. Tin has, unfortunately, never been found in sufficient quantities to justify its reduction as a commercial industry, although large sums have been spent in searching for it, and no little speculation engendered by reports of its existence, as witness our columns previously. The rapidly increasing demand for nickel in the arts since the discovery of simple and practical processes for its deposition, and the elegant appearance which its use gives to the numerous articles of machinery, tool and shell hardware, in which it has been used, adds to the surprise which our manufacturers express at learning that comparatively so little nickel is mined in the United States. That the nickel ores of the United States have not been more generally mined has been due to several causes, the most prominent of which are probably the following: 1. That the uses of the metal were, until very recently, but little known in this country, and the demand comparatively small. 2. That the process of reduction was considered as requiring too intricate chemical knowledge and too expensive plant to justify the investment of capital; and, 3. That, as a rule, the percentage of nickel in most American ores, while of about an equal average with those of other portions of the world, appeared so very low to those accustomed to the reduction of the richer metals (in quantity) that the industry was considered of no especial importance. These conditions, however, can no longer be considered to exist, and while it was not surprising that the production of metallic nickel should have been previously almost a monopoly, and a very profitable one also, there is no reason that we should not now extend the area of such production very greatly, to the profit of both producer and consumer. The principal deposit of nickel, or that most extensively worked hitherto, and controlling for a long time the only successful method of reduction in this country, is located in Eastern Pennsylvania, and known as the Gap mines. Here nickel ore has been worked for some years, with, it is stated, an average yield of 1.25 to 1.60 per cent. of metallic nickel, but sufficient other rare metals to greatly reduce the cost of smelting, and in quantity to practically control the supply of the trade—entirely so of the governmental supply for coin purposes. Other veins of nickeliferous ore of greater or less size are found in Vermont; on the Hudson, or near its shores, on both the east and west sides of that river; in the Naugatuck Valley of Connecticut, and at Mine La Motte, in Missouri, where it has also been extensively worked. The Torrington and Granniss nickel mines, of Connecticut, furnish, perhaps, as far evidences of the nickel ores of the eastern section of the United States as any, and we give herewith very reliable analyses of the same.

These mines have been more or less exploited—in one instance have had smelting works erected, and in both are in immediate connection with railroad communication with chemical works and consuming markets. The veins are reported to be found on high rolling land, convenient to water, and show an average width of from eight to fourteen feet of vein matter. The first analysis given below is from surface ores partially washed, and was made by Messrs. Johnson, Matthys & Co., "assayers and melters to the Bank of England, 'her majesty's mint, &c., Hatton Garden, 'London,' viz.:

Nickel.....	3.90
Copper.....	20
Iron.....	20.45
Alumina.....	22.35
Sulphur.....	12.95
Antimony.....	20
Lime.....	3.30
Silica.....	30.00
Water.....	55
Oxygen.....	65
Loss.....	10
	100.00

No. 2 was made by Prof. Chandler, of the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York, from entirely surface ores, and is as follows, viz.:

Iron.....	23.71
Nickel.....	1.90
Cobalt.....	12
Arsenic.....	12
Copper.....	50
Sulphur.....	12.95
Alumina.....	9.30
Lime.....	13.45
Magnesia.....	33.45
Silica.....	1.01
Oxygen in Oxide of Iron.....	100.00



Equivalent to magnetic iron pyrites containing:  
Nickel, Arsenic and Cobalt.....30.85  
Copper Pyrites.....1.71  
Hornblende, &c.....67.57  
100.13

No. 5, by same authority, gave:  
Iron.....27.55  
Copper.....18.55  
Nickel and Cobalt.....1.98  
Silica, Alumina, Lime and Magnesia.....35.43  
100.00

A subsequent analysis by Messrs. Partz & Buck, chemists and metallurgists, gave:  
Metallic Nickel.....3.90  
Oxide of Cobalt......54

These analyses show more than an average percentage of nickel, with, in one case, an ore rich enough to be worked for copper, and in all, to those familiar with the reduction of nickeliferous ores, no obstacles to their successful treatment.

We are reliably informed that nickel ores of equal average value with these, and in some cases higher in cobalt, were offered some months since in fair supply at 60 cents per lb. for the nickel and cobalt contained in the ore, and \$3.50 per unit for the copper, delivered at smelting works. Allowing \$3.30 per lb. as the price of metallic nickel, then quotable, this would leave \$2.70 per lb. for expense of reduction and profit. The cost of reduction should not, we are informed by experts, exceed 70 cents per lb., which would leave \$2 per lb. profit, an amount which we should suppose would abundantly repay any expenditure of capital invested, and create a thriving industry in a much needed product. From time to time discoveries of extremely high grade nickel ores are reported, notably one in New South Wales, in 1874, which, however, has not been borne out sufficiently to affect prices of the product in the world's markets. Experts who have visited all the well known nickel mines of Europe state that very rich nickel ores are never found in large quantities, and that the only reliable supplies of the ore are from large bodies of low grade ores. As stated, the Wharton or Gap mines, of Pennsylvania, are reported to average 1½ per cent., while those of Mine La Motte, Missouri, are stated at not to exceed 2 per cent. nickel. Ores are found in the Hudson sampling up to 7 per cent. nickel, but not averaging above 2½ per cent. in regular workings. These figures may be considered, therefore, to represent a fair yield of the nickeliferous ores of our country, and as also offering at the given price of ore and expense of reduction an industry which should invite capital, and very greatly increase our supply of this useful and ornamental metal. The depression in the trades confined to the grosser metals, the progress and higher plane of metallic industry as applied to the arts, and the large amounts of capital seeking profitable and safe employment, alike invite to the development of the nickel industry. The proper process of treatment for nickeliferous ores is one highly dependent upon the constituents of the ores themselves; the separation of nickel and cobalt, both substances of great commercial value, is the principal obstacle to success. The reduction of these ores is, however, well known abroad, has formed the basis of princely fortunes in Great Britain and on the Continent, as well as in more than one instance in the United States, and commands itself to capital in this country as a desirable investment.

## Coal and Iron in the United States.

### Notes of a Visit to Coal and Iron Mines and Iron Works in the United States.

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(Continued.)

#### SIEMENS-MARTIN STEEL PROCESS.

I believe little or no steel was being made in the United States by taking advantage of the intense temperature within the command of the Siemens' furnace. In France, and latterly in this country, an excellent material by means of these furnaces has been successfully made, by fusing pig and wrought iron together; and more recently the same results have been obtained by substituting ore for the wrought iron in Wales and Scotland. At Cleveland City, on Lake Erie, however, a very powerful mill was ready for starting, to roll plates and bars from steel of this description, to be produced in furnaces in the establishment itself.

#### BLAIR STEEL PROCESS.

My friend, Mr. T. S. Blair, in company with other gentlemen, has erected a work, near Pittsburgh, for carrying his mode of making steel into practice.

In principle, there is no novelty in Mr. Blair's method, which consists in decarburizing iron ore and melting the iron sponge so obtained in an open hearth with pig iron. The first step in the process has been tried, over and over again, by Clay, Chenot and others; and Dr. Siemens has, as we all know, paid an immense amount of attention to the second.

Chenot's plan, which I examined at Bilbao, three years ago, consists in exposing a mixture of charcoal and ore to a red heat, in an upright retort, 10 meters high, with a sectional of 1.3 meters by 40 meters. Each such retort afforded a little over 15 cwts. of sponge per 24 hours. The sponge was afterward sunk in a charcoal fire and made into bars, the waste of metal in the last process being very great.

The consumption of charcoal and fuel was considerable, and did not strike me at the time as a good substitute for the combined action of the blast and puddling furnaces.

Mr. Blair claims great advantages for his ap-

paratus in saving of fuel. Like Chenot, he conducts the operation in an upright retort, but circular in section, 4½ feet in diameter, and 40 or 50 feet high. In the upper 8 or 10 feet, however, is inserted a metal pipe about 3½ feet in diameter, so that for this distance from the top the working space is an annulus 4½ inches across. Heat produced by burning carbonic oxide obtained from a Siemens' producer is applied to the outside of the retort, and heat is similarly communicated to the inside of the 3½ feet pipe. Ore and charcoal are charged into the top of the annular space, which is thus exposed to heat from the outside and inside, instead of, as with Chenot, having the heat only applied to the exterior. The sponge is retained by Mr. Blair, as with Chenot, in the lower portion of the pipe, which is kept closed until it cools. One such retort as that described gives about two tons of sponge in the 24 hours.

The difficulty which besets this and all other modifications of dealing with iron in so fine a state of division as it exists in the sponge, is its proneness to oxidation. Hitherto it seems to me the direct process, as it is termed, has met with the most success at Landore. The pig iron, after being melted, has blocks of ore thrown in; the carbon and silicon of the bath reduce the oxide, and the metallic iron is instantly taken up by the bath of liquid metal. Very different must be the action on sponge, which, when thrown into the furnace, will float on the melted pig, and being exposed to carbonic acid at a very high temperature, will, to some extent, infallibly be reconverted into oxide.

So far as I was able to learn, two parts of pig iron and one of sponge lost about 30 per cent. in the furnace. Now, if it be true, as I have heard stated, that a mixture of wrought and pig iron can be fused in an open hearth with a loss of 6 per cent., it follows that a considerable portion of the sponge used in Mr. Blair's process must be re-oxidized.

The steel of steel I had an opportunity of examining indicate entire success, so far as a mere question of quality in the product is concerned. There seems to be no doubt that, in obtaining the sponge iron, Mr. Blair has made a notable step in advance of M. Chenot, and I am far from wishing it to be understood as expressing an unfavorable opinion on the future commercial merits of the scheme.

#### THE LABOR QUESTION.

Before bringing my observations on the produce of the American mines and iron works to a close, it may be useful that something should be said on what is, at the present day, an all-important subject.

In an immense territory like that of the United States, great distances and varieties in the general conditions of society render it impossible to lay down any general law of the demand for, and consequent price of, labor. In those localities which had, from circumstances already described, risen to a position of considerable importance as iron-making centers, the late high prices led to a great increase in the activity which had already distinguished them. Fresh immigration was stimulated, and the workmen already employed were only retained by a large increase being made to their pay. This was more particularly observable in the forges and mills, and willingly or not, the maleable iron makers found themselves paying nearly 35 per cent. for puddling, and the rollers were receiving an amount, of way which, in a few years, with care, would place them beyond the necessity of handling the tongs.

Some indication has been given already of the rates earned in various departments and in different localities. I would, therefore, merely observe, in illustration of the above, that while an iron ore miner in the Lake Superior region could earn 12.9 per day, the wages of the miners in New Jersey was, at the period of my visit, not much more than half this amount, and in Alabama the miner is satisfied with 4/8. The greatest uniformity of rates of pay I observed prevailed with men working in the pig iron department. Keepers earned from 7 to 9.6 per day, with the exception of the charcoal furnaces in Alabama, where 4/8 was the price paid for this description of labor. Filers in the works of Alabama only receive 3/9 against 5/6 to 7/6 in the Northern States.

It must, however, be remembered that the South is still almost entirely agricultural, and that the men engaged in the iron works are, in many cases, the same who wrought there as slaves. After the war all industry was prostrate, employment difficult to be had, and the poor negroes were glad to go on upon any terms, and the owners of the comparatively few furnaces could afford to be willing to give them. Indeed, there are fair grounds for believing, looking at the remoteness of these Southern States from the great centers of consumption, the iron masters in ordinary times in Tennessee and Alabama can only live by obtaining somewhat cheaper labor.

Blacksmiths and carpenters were earning 7/6 to 8/6 per day, while masons and bricklayers could command 11/3 to 15/; indeed, they had received, in 1873, as much as 18/10; and at Ironton there was a strike when the builders refused, during that year, to pay their men 20/10 for a day's work. On inquiring the cause of this great discrepancy between the wage of persons certainly no higher in the scale than men working in engine shops, who were earning 6/6 to 9/8 a day, and blacksmiths and carpenters getting even less, I was informed the climate frequently laid builders off work for two, or even three months and more in the winter. This, and the great demand for new manufactures, and the rapid increase of population in many towns, created an excessive demand for labor, which had, moreover, for the cause just assigned, to be performed in nine months out of the twelve.

The rates first quoted, so far above what we are paying in this country, are, however, only of recent date. An eminent iron master in Pittsburgh informed me that ordinary laborers were paid, before the war, 3/4 per day; during the war they rose to 7/6½, the present wage being 5/7½. In the Lehigh Valley, the furnace labor on a ton of pig iron rose from 5/9 to 12/3 during the war; since that time it has fallen to about 8/6.

As a rule, all over the States there has been, on the whole, a steady increase in the price of wages for the last 20 years. It reached its culminating point during the war, since which time it has receded to its present position of being 50 to 75 per cent. higher than it was a quarter of a century ago.

Coal and iron, therefore, as with us, have fallen rapidly in value, and the conflicts between the iron masters and mine owners with their workmen have been quite as disastrous as they have been in Great Britain.

Puddlers' wages in Pittsburgh rose, during the late war, to 38/11 per ton; and when it was proposed to reduce them to 30/3, a strike of eight months ensued.

At Troy, during my visit, the men were resisting a reduction of wages, and the struggle continued for some months.

Some little time ago, the miners in the anthracite region were out on strike for six months, and at the present moment operations are again suspended, because the men will not agree to an alteration in their pay, rendered necessary by the greatly altered value of the product of their exertions.

An important item in determining the conditions under which a workman can afford to dispose of his labor, is the cost at which he can maintain himself and his family. Of course, I do not mean that this has to set a limit to what he is entitled to ask for his services; but before a man fixes to leave his present home

for another, his natural inquiry will be whether, in his adopted country, his expenditure will bear the same relation to his earnings that it did in the old one.

Now, there is no doubt that the cost of living, in most respects, in the United States is considerably higher than it is with us. A house built by masons receiving double the wages they do here, is necessarily more costly; therefore, the rent is necessarily higher. Clothing of every description is more expensive, and was the subject of constant complaint with the English workmen with whom I conversed, at the different places in which I met them.

Food, in the last 25 years, has risen enormously in price, and this, of course, has also added greatly to the cost of living. Professor Cox, of Indiana, gave me the following figures in illustration of this:

	Price, 1850.	1874.
Wheat, per bushel of 60 lbs.	1/3	4/1
Indian corn, per bushel of 56 lbs.	5d.	2/2
Pork, per 100 lbs.	4/8 to 5/8	3/2
Beef, per lb.	1d.	3d. to 6d.

A ready mode of estimating the increased expense of the means of subsistence in the charge for boarding single men. A Middlesex-brought man informed me that he obtained as good accommodation for 13/ a week on the banks of the Tees as he could procure for 18/10 on the shores of Lake Erie.

In the autumn of last year, the following were the prices of provisions, contrasted with the rates paid in the North of England:

	United States.	England.
Best beef, per lb.	8½d.	11d.
Ordinary beef, per lb.	8d.	10d.
Butter, per lb.	1/3½	1/4 to 1/6
Best flour, per stone 14 lbs.	2/6	2/
Ordinary flour, per stone 14 lbs.	1/9	1/8
Sugar, moist, per lb.	5½d. to 7½d.	2½d. to 3½d.
Coffee, per lb.	1/1½	1/4
American bacon, per lb.	6½d.	7d. to 8d.

In the United States, generally—I cannot say universally speaking—I believe there is no legislation forbidding the payment of wages in anything but the currency of the country. I found the "store" system in use in different portions of the Union, and in the South, at certain works, the wages of the men were exclusively paid in provisions, clothing and the other necessities of life. In others, the accounts were kept running for periods of from one to three months, when the balance, if any, was paid in cash.

For this the owners had the excuse that, were it not for the profit—and a very moderate one, it was asserted—they had on the goods supplied to their workmen, owing to the present unremunerative price of iron, they would be compelled to close their establishments. The men, rather than encounter the privations consequent upon such a course of policy, submitted to the conditions, and it is only fair to state that, in my private conversations with the workmen, I did not hear many serious complaints of the manner in which they were treated by the store. This was further confirmed by a rival shopkeeper, of whom I inquired as to the working of the system.

Until the present commercial panic which prevails in America, there is no doubt that in the Northern States, in spite of the disadvantage to which I have alluded, a workman, by careful conduct, will do very well. On Lake Champlain, I met a miner who had, during four years, earned £120 per annum, and being a single man, he lived on £85, laying by the difference, with which he had stocked a small farm; but I doubt whether during the same period he would not have done equally well in England. The miner informed me that many men, and particularly British immigrants, do not act as prudently as he had done, when they arrive in America—I am sorry to say far from it—and instead, work but short time—pay for their living and clothing, and spend the remainder in drink. This baneful practice is by no means confined to our fellow countrymen; for although I did hear that to some considerable extent the high wages had led to an elevation in the tastes and position of iron workers and miners, in many instances the only permanent trace of recent prosperity, was the impaired health of the laborers through whom it had been achieved. This information, obtained in the main from the employers, was always confirmed when I had the opportunity of doing so, by appealing to the better class of the men themselves.

#### PROTECTIVE DUTIES.

There lives in my remembrance but one subject upon which certain of my kind friends in the United States have differed entirely in opinion, viz., that of their system of protective duties. Even here, however, their dissent was communicated in so considerate a manner that I am not apprehensive of a statement of my own views in this place disturbing the friendly feelings which I trust unite us.

I am fully aware how unpopular among a great number of the iron manufacturers on the one side of the Atlantic any relaxation in the present tariff would be; nay, that they rather seek to add to the restrictions it already imposes. As an inhabitant of England, I feel that nothing we may say is likely to influence public opinion there, for the change for this, when it does happen, must be the result of convictions insisted on by Americans and not by ourselves. Under these circumstances, I trust the warmest partisans of high protective duties will pardon me if I venture to describe the impressions produced on my mind, by what I heard and saw during my visit to the United States in connection with this question, particularly as it affects the iron and its associated trades.

A preliminary observation, when the subject is broached, rises frequently to the lips of American manufacturers, to the effect that we fellow countrymen protect our native industry, until we felt we were independent of foreign competition, and now that we no longer fear this, we are found crying out for free trade.

The admirers of a system of restricted commercial policy in America appear to overlook the fact that the chief opponents to its abrogation in this country, thirty years ago, had as much reason to fear foreign competition as any branch of industry in the States need dread the importation of British iron.

I met in Cleveland City a banker who had just returned from the Red River, and he described immeasurable tracts of territory covered with black soil 3 to 5 feet deep, which could be purchased at prices varying from 4/ to 11/ per acre. By means of some instrument, it could be easily be considered plough, the surface was broken up to the depth of an inch and a half, and without any further preparation, the farmer obtains 45 bushels of wheat an acre from his purchase.

A railway conveys the produce to Duluth, on Lake Superior, where it is shipped to some one of a great line of grain elevators, from which it is transmitted to the coast for shipment, or indeed, there is no physical difficulty why the vessel which receives the wheat at Duluth, might not deliver its cargo at Liverpool.

At Indianapolis, I was conducted to an enclosure containing 10,000 hogs. From this up an incline plane leading to the top of a huge building, proceeded, one by one, a stream of these animals at the rate of 1600 per diem, the year through, their absence in the enclosure being compensated by fresh arrivals from the country. In a second or two they were porked, and as quickly as salt could do it, they were bacon.

Now, it would not be difficult to picture to oneself the dismay with which an Irish bacon curer, or an English wheat grower, paying ten times the yearly rent that the Red

River farmer gives for the fee simple of his land, would, in the early days of our free trade, have contemplated powers so overwhelming as to threaten both with immediate ruin. Instead of this imaginary annihilation, what is the position of the British agriculturist and landowner at the present day? The farms of this empire, instead of becoming the wildernesses which were contemplated, constitute, in their produce and in the means employed for their cultivation, a proof of our proficiency in agricultural science.

It is quite true it was our own interest, and not any intention to assist in reclaiming far distant lands, which led our legislators, thirty years ago, to introduce that reform in our commercial relations with the rest of the world which has conducted to raise the British empire to its present position as a manufacturing and trading nation.

It would be foreign to the object of this communication were I to attempt to trace the effect of a contrary policy upon the general trade of America; I shall, therefore, confine myself to quoting what, in my mind, has been some of the results of protective duties in its manufacture of iron.

Soon after 1871 the price of iron, it is immaterial from what cause, commenced to rise in England. At that period something like one-third of this metal consumed in the United States was imported from this country. The change in value with us at once made itself felt by them, and foundry iron, I was informed, was sold at as high a figure as £13, but £10 was the price commonly paid. This remarkable change led to an immediate increase in the blast furnaces, for to the number (571) in existence in 1871 were added no less than 91 new ones by the end of 1873.

Now, as a matter of fact, the price the consumers of iron, who, of course, are far more numerous than those who make it, had to pay, was the already excessive value of the commodity in England, added to the transport to America, plus a duty of 25/9 per ton on pig, and 52/10 per ton on railway iron. At this period the profits of the iron masters in the States must have been enormous, and had other circumstances remained without change, they would have been fabulous.

As a rule, the furnace owners there do not possess their own collieries and mines, and, therefore, are purchasers of fuel and ore. The sudden increase of demand for both was not without its effect upon the market, and where this did not suffice to raise the price to suit the views of the owners of coal and iron ore mines, who looked, no doubt, with a longing eye on the lucrative business of the furnace owner, a little of that restrictive policy so much in favor with the latter was promptly invoked.

In the article of coal this was easily managed, at all events for a time. The two great railway companies who command the traffic into the anthracite region, with forethought which does their commercial sagacity infinite credit, and long before the value of this mineral treasure was generally recognized, bought up large tracts of coal lands. Hence, at the present day, to these wealthy corporations is not only intrusted the monopoly of carrying the coal to market, but they are the most extensive colliery owners in the district, and possess, by virtue thereof, an influential voice in regulating the market price of their mineral.

The concentrated nature of this influence enabled these coal proprietors to attach what may be regarded as a fictitious value to their produce, which was maintained by adopting a policy prevalent in the North of England many years ago, viz., that of restricting the output of their pits. This system may have the same fate as it had with ourselves. Under its delusion new collieries were opened out, until the combination became unmanageable, and dearly the coal owners of Northumberland and Durham paid for the artificial stimulus in which they had previously indulged.

If, however, the coalowners were not disposed to permit the iron masters to absorb too large a share of the profits to which they were contributing so important an element, neither were the colliers, without whose help no coal could be had, inclined to allow their employers to retain too large a share of the good things which were going.

At the period when coal was at its highest, the men's case of justice were, I presume, realized when their earnings fluctuated from 30 to 35 per diem, which was a current rate at the time in question. The lesson of political economy involved in a limited output, elaborated by the coal owners, was not lost on the men. Accordingly, when there seemed a possibility of coal falling in value, and of their wages returning to their former level, the coal hewers determined to create an artificial scarcity by a suspension of work for 30 days.

It was, however, felt by the heads who initiated this movement of a restricted output that it was too dangerous a power to be entrusted to the men, and it was crushed in a summary manner. A lock-out was determined on, which lasted for six months, and to prevent the possibility of any coal finding its way to the New York market, the coal owning railway company, whose rates vary with the price of the commodity they carry, raised their dues to about 37/6 per ton, the usual rate being about one-fourth of this sum. Thus every mine was reduced to idleness. Now, how did the iron masters fare during this complicated warfare? Upon peace being restored between the coal owners and their men, a sliding scale of wages was agreed upon, the rate being regulated by the selling price of coal. On the face of it, this might seem reasonable; but, unfortunately, for the furnace owner, this price was adjusted, not by what he could afford to pay, i.e., by the value of pig iron, but by the markets of New York, to which the supply of the article was controlled by the railway company, in its treble capacity of working the pits, of carrying the coal, and of having the power of raising its charges with the value which the mineral brings when sold.

Under this cumulative system, the iron smelters are complaining, and they think justly, of having to bear a weight which their present position renders them, I truly believe, utterly unable to carry; for by the mode of regulating the trade just described, they are paying for their coal a price which enables the colliery owner to give his miners from 15/ to 18/10 per day of 8 hours. Notwithstanding these, as I conceive, well-founded complaints, the difficulty has arisen from the previous high price of iron to which the protective duty, so much in favor with themselves, has contributed its proportionate share.

(To be continued.)

#### Mr. Bell and the Blair Process.

THE BLAIR IRON AND STEEL CO.,  
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To the Editor of The Iron Age: From a proof copy of the very interesting paper read on the 6th instant before the British Iron and Steel Institute, by their distinguished late president, Mr. I. Lowthian Bell, upon his visit to mines and iron works of the United States in the fall of 1874, I make the following extract. Mr. Bell says, page 47:

"My friend, Mr. T. S. Blair, in company with other gentlemen, has erected a work near Pittsburgh for carrying his mode of making steel into practice. \* \* \* Mr. Blair's

method, which consists in decarburizing iron ore and melting the iron sponge so obtained in an open hearth with pig iron."

(Page 48). "Mr. Blair claims great advantages for his apparatus in saving of fuel."

\* \* \* The difficulty which besets this, and all other, modifications of dealing with iron in so fine a state of division as it exists in the sponge is its proneness to oxidation. Hitherto it seems to me the direct process, as it is termed, has met with the most success at Landore.

The pig iron after being melted has blocks of ore thrown in; the carbon and silicon of the bath reduce the oxide, and the metallic iron is instantly taken up by the bath of liquid metal.

Very different must be the action on sponge which, when thrown into the furnace, will float on the melted pig, and being exposed to carbonic acid at a very high temperature will, to some extent, infallibly be reconverted into oxide. So far as I was able to learn, two parts of pig iron and one of sponge lost about 30 per cent. in the furnace. Now, if it be true, as I have heard stated, that a mixture of wrought and pig iron can be fused in an open hearth with a loss of 6 per cent., it follows that a considerable portion of the sponge used in Mr. Blair's process must be re-oxidized. The specimens of steel I had the opportunity of examining, indicate entire success, so far as a mere question of quality in the product is concerned. There seems to be no doubt that in obtaining the sponge iron, Mr. Blair has made a notable step in advance of M. Chenot, and I am far from wishing to be understood as expressing an unfavorable opinion on the future commercial merits of the scheme."

You will, Mr. Editor, doubtless publish the very able and instructive paper of Mr. Bell, and as one interested with Mr. Blair from the beginning in the carrying out of the mode of making iron and steel by the "direct process," I would respectfully ask that you publish this communication, which seems necessary as an explanatory appendix to that portion of Mr. Bell's paper which relates to the "Blair process."

We had the pleasure of a long visit from Mr. Bell in October last (nearly all of his time during his three days in Pittsburgh having been spent with us). Our books, showing the exact amount in pounds of every component of each charge and the resulting product in pounds of every cast of steel made by us (from the beginning), were thrown open to him, and were freely and fully inspected, as well by himself as by his son, Mr. Charles Bell, who assisted him in his observations. Every facility which any of ourselves enjoyed for seeing or knowing what was being done in and about every department of the works, was cheerfully given him; our object (aside from showing deserved courtesy to so distinguished a stranger) being to enable him to criticise our operations with full knowledge of their details. When Mr. Bell says "so far as I was able to learn," his means of knowing the exact facts were as ample as Mr. Blair's or my own. He saw that never at any time, even for experimental purposes, had we made a cast of "two parts pig and one of sponge." In point of fact, as we never did use pig in any thing approaching the above proportions, neither Mr. Bell nor any of ourselves knows what the loss would be. For the week in which Mr. Bell's visit took place, the average quantity of pig metal used (in eleven casts) was 25 17-100 per cent. of the total weight of materials charged into the furnace, and the last cast inspected by Mr. Bell, and made on Saturday, was composed of 19 3-10 per cent. pig, 53 4-10 per cent. sponge, 18 3-10 per cent. scrap steel, from our own steel, and 9 per cent. spiegeleisen.

A tabulated statement was taken off from the books, which Mr. Bell took with him, of casts made from the beginning (inclusive of the time when we were battling with the difficulties incident to working a new and different melting furnace from that of Mr. Siemens, Mr. S. having at that time refused to allow us to use his furnace, and we abandoned the iron sponge, which he himself was then trying to make). This statement shows that of 691,883 pounds of the different metals charged into the furnace 36 32-100 per cent. consisted of pig metal, and the amount of steel made was 589,070 pounds; showing a loss of 14 86-100 per cent.

The direct process at Landore, to which Mr. Bell refers, is that of Dr. C. W. Siemens. Dr. Siemens uses his ordinary open hearth furnace (not the retort), and the steel is good enough for railway rails, and is used for that purpose; 1000 tons of rails per week being about the average product.

The materials consumed in making 2340 pounds of steel in the ingot amount to 2661 pounds on the average, and consist of 1517 pounds Bessemer pig, 197 pounds spiegeleisen, 746 pounds scrap steel, 541 pounds of ore (a 60 per cent. ore)—2661.

Mr. Bell correctly describes the operation thus: "The pig iron, after being melted, has blocks of ore thrown in. The carbon and silicon of the bath reduce the oxide, and the metallic iron is instantly taken up by the bath of liquid metal."

Mr. Bell, however, adds: "Very different must be the action on sponge, which, when thrown into the furnace, will float on the melted pig, and being exposed to carbonic acid at a very high temperature, will, to some extent, infallibly be reconverted into oxide."

When Mr. Bell was at our works, he witnessed the fact that the iron sponge, when thrown into the furnace, did not float on the melted pig, and as it plunged and remained undisturbed beneath the surface, protected by the covering of slag, it was not exposed to the highly heated carbonic acid, and was, therefore, not oxidized to an undue extent. This remarkable and interesting fact was noticed and commented on with much pleasure by Mr. Bell at that time, as it had previously been a source of satisfaction to ourselves, controverting, as it did, the theory of all, and the experience of most, parties.

If you will permit me, I will remark that, if Mr. Siemens would first convert his 60 per cent. ore into iron sponge, and make it the principal ingredient of his charge, instead of the higher priced and more deleterious pig metal, his ingots would cost him less per ton, and instead of being useful only for rails, would command 25 per ton more, and could be used, as the Blair steel is, for all purposes, from homogeneous metal up to tool steel.

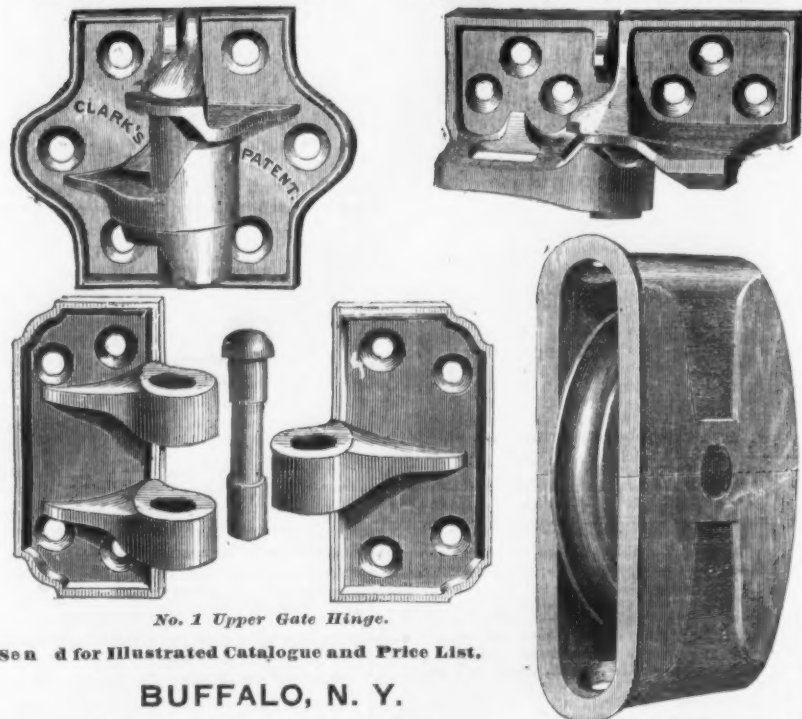
My object being, however, to make some necessary corrections of errors in the paper of Mr. Bell, I would ask of you the favor to give this communication the same publicity you do that "paper." Very respectfully,

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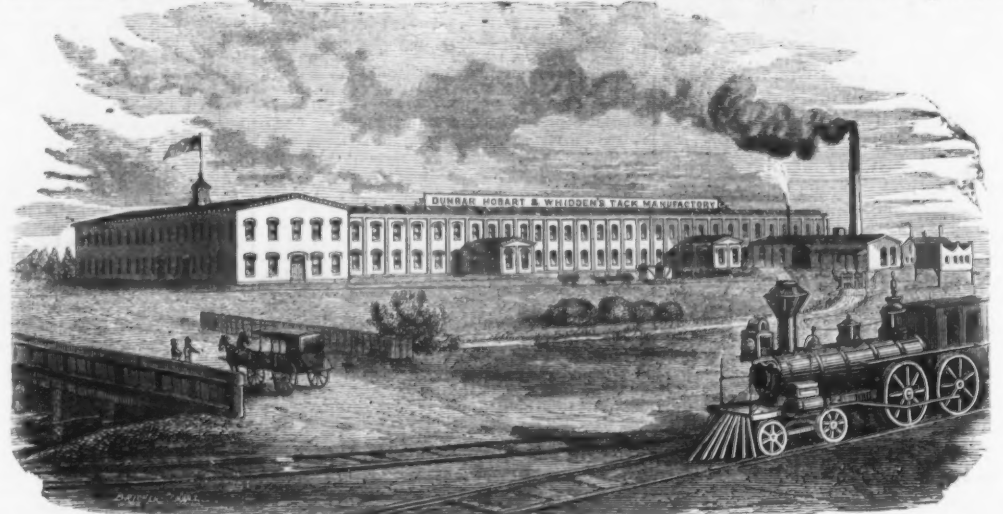
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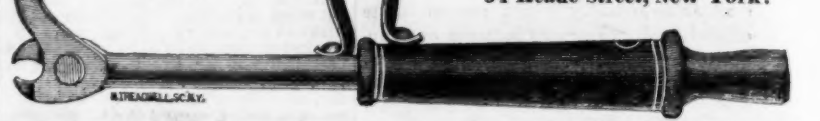
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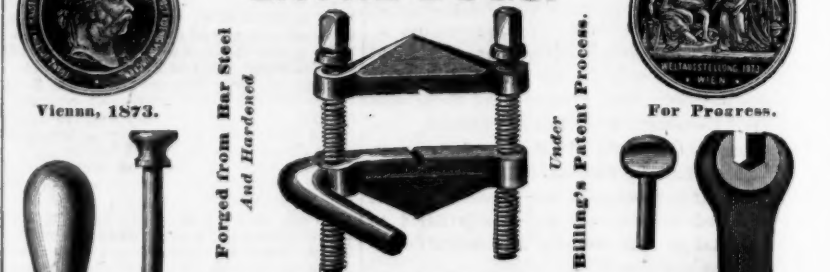
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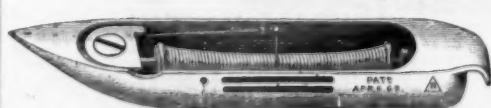


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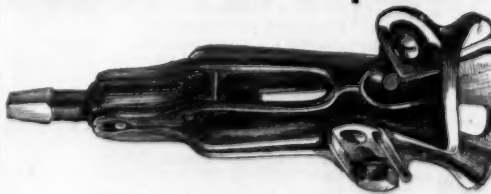
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### The Kazeti Direct Process.

We abstract the following from a treatise published by Gustav Kazeti, of Newberg, on the direct process for the manufacture of wrought iron and steel directly from the ore:

All the direct methods heretofore proposed started with the preparation of an iron sponge by intimately mixing the ore with coal and heating this mixture. This sponge was afterward, either in the same or a separate furnace, subjected to a greater heat, whereby it was fused and separated from the adherent slag. C. W. Siemens was the first to call attention to a new method, and in his cascade furnace brought into use a really new principle, for he sought to reduce the fused ore by intermixed coal. It requires no special explanation to show what an advantage this kind of "precipitation" of the metallic iron out of the hot melted bath would offer for a better separation of the slag; and, moreover, in the cascade furnace the slag being specifically lighter would collect on top and protect the reduced iron from burning. Unfortunately, Siemens himself gave up his experiments with this furnace, because the production was variable, and depended very much on the skill of the workmen. Principally on the latter ground he conceived of a furnace more machine like in its operation, called the "Rotator."

A long study of the Siemens' rotary furnace in Birmingham has convinced the author that a fusion does not precede the reduction of the ore, but, on the contrary, the reduction takes place during the mechanical mixing at a red heat, and is finished before the slag melts. Consequently, there is formed just as in other direct iron processes a dry iron sponge intimately mixed with slag, and in balling this together a rich ferruginous slag is formed.

The fusion of the ore, although possessing so many advantages, is not alone sufficient to insure a perfect reduction, as long indeed as solid carbon in the form of fine coke, pit coal, charcoal, anthracite, etc., are employed. In the first place it is difficult to mix this kind of carbon with the fused ore, on account of its being readily reduced to dust, and also specifically lighter. In the second place, when reduction is accomplished with solid carbon, there is such an absorption of heat that the precipitation of metallic iron in a liquid state, and a good separation from the slag, is not possible. In the author's treatise he proves this, and also shows that the desired end of separating iron in the metallic state could not be attained by a stronger heating of the ore, since an enormously high temperature would be required (4820° C).

The case is quite different if the reducing agent be changed, and instead of carbon, reducing gases, like carbonic oxide, the hydrocarbons, etc., be employed.

If we select carbonic oxide as the reducing agent, and force a stream of this gas up through a bath of the fused ore, like air is driven through the iron in the Bessemer process, an intermolecular combustion of the carbonic oxide to carbonic acid will take place at the expense of the oxygen of the ore, and a consequent reduction of the ore.

No absorption of heat results from the reduction of iron ore by means of carbonic oxide, since in the conversion of carbonic oxide into acid there is just as much heat generated, per weight-unit of oxygen taken up as is absorbed by the reduction of the iron ore; the quantity of heat previously present in the bath of ore is, therefore, neither increased nor diminished by the reduction, and remains available for the fusion of slag and iron.

On the ground of these theoretical views, which are more especially described in his treatise, the author took a patent for the "reduction of fused iron ore by means of introducing reducing gases," the specifications of which have not yet been made public. (*Oesterreichische Zeitschrift für Berg- und Hüttenwesen*, 1874, No. 49.)

At a session of the Montanistische Union of Steiermark, held in Leoben, Dec. 12, 1874, Kazeti's process was discussed at length.

Prof. Kupelwieser referred to a theoretical discussion of this process published by him in Nos. 50 and 51, *Oestr. Zeitschr.* and gave the following resume of its chief points:

Suppose that iron or steel is produced in a liquid state, for without this we cannot expect an economical advantage, there is one essential disadvantage of this process, namely, a considerable amount of heat would be taken away from the metallic bath by the reducing gases, and this quantity would be larger just as the quantity of gas employed increased. If, however, there is only, or chiefly, protoxide of iron in the bath, and no sesquioxide, which, from the high temperature and the method of fusion, may be supposed and also striven for, this loss of heat can be in a certain degree neutralized. First, by strongly heating the reducing gases, and second, by superheating the bath of ore, which is the more advisable, as the rapidity of the process leaves little time for external heating.

But when both these precautions are taken it may be difficult, even if it is possible, to obtain the precipitated iron, which is reduced and not carbonized in a fluid state. This disadvantage might be remedied by the introduction of over heated carburized iron, like spiegeleisen, after the reduction, whereby a corresponding degree of carburization could be imparted to the whole product.

A further disadvantage consists in this, that at the beginning and end of the process we have to deal with different sorts of silicious slag which require different linings. For this reason it is advisable to conduct the fusion of the ore and the precipitation of the iron in two different receptacles made of different material. From this it is to be understood that the process is, to be sure, practicable, provided on the one hand that the mechanical difficulties can be overcome, and on the other that really all the carbonic oxide gas is employed for reduction.

Director Sprang doubted whether the process could be carried out economically in competition with the combined blast furnace and Bessemer process, which he considered the most di-

rect conceivable method for the manufacture of wrought iron from the ore. Still he recognized the theoretical correctness of Kazeti's ideas, and since the chief difficulty—obtaining and maintaining the high temperature—was undoubtedly greatly diminished by using, as reducing agent, a gas free from nitrogen, instead of the ordinary generator gas, which contains so much nitrogen, he communicated a paper from Jos. Swoboda, of Hammerstadt. In this paper was described the production of a mixture of carbonic oxide and hydrogen gases by conducting steam over coal or charcoal heated to redness in an iron gas retort.

We take the following from the communication of von Turner, president of the union:

The direct manufacture of iron from a hot bath of fluid ore, chiefly by forcing in carbonic oxide, is not altogether new, as will be seen from a discussion which took place in London in the latter part of April, 1873, at a meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute, and which is described in the journal of that Institute, vol. I. On page 65 it is stated that Mr. Jones, of Middlesbrough, had attempted first to bring the ore to the liquid state, and then to force carbonic oxide gas through this bath, instead of using solid carbon. On page 72, Bessemer stated that he, too, had attempted the reduction of oxide of iron ores, mixed with lime, in a fluid state, not only by mixing pulverized coal with it, but also, in three or four experiments on a small scale, by forcing carbonic oxide gas into the ore in an apparatus similar to his movable converter, but that illness had prevented his continuing his experiments.

On page 78, Dr. Wright expressed well-founded doubts of the possibility of effecting a saving of fuel by this direct process over the blast furnace. He spoke especially in regard to the reduction with gaseous carbon, that a great excess of carbonic oxide must be present, because otherwise the reducing action of this gas would not only be lessened by the carbonic acid formed, but in fact an oxidation might take place on account of this carbonic acid. On page 81, Bell likewise refers to the fact that a mixture of carbonic oxide and acid has a reducing or oxidizing action upon iron, according as the one or the other predominates, and that in the blast furnace just those conditions prevail under which the greatest effect of the coal, or carbonic oxide, is obtained, compatible with the nature of the process.

Finally, on page 88, Dr. Siemens remarked that he, too, had attempted to force carbonic oxide through a hot fluid ore bath, so as to reduce the iron, but that he had not been able to obtain any satisfactory results in this way, because a large quantity of gas was required for the reduction, and this cooled down the bath of ore so much that the further operations were interrupted. For this reason, in all subsequent experiments, he had only employed solid carbon. He maintained that in his manner of conducting the process, where the pulverized ore charged into the rotator was first brought to a full red heat, and then the pulverized coal was put in and the rotation made more rapid, the formation of metallic iron and the fusion of the earthy portion of the ore with the flux would take place simultaneously, which he himself declared was the chief condition for obtaining a pure bloom. It is just this which constitutes the essential difference between his process and those of Chenot and others.

After this discussion of the subject in question, there can be no great hopes of a happy solution of the problem of preparing iron direct from the ore by Kazeti's method. Still there are several of the circumstances in question which are very doubtful, and others which are by no means at rest, so that we are not to give up all hope of its success. Although the bath of ore would be considerably cooled by a large quantity of ordinary generator gas mixed with so much nitrogen, &c., it remains to be ascertained how the temperature would be affected by the use of gas obtained by distillation or from steam and red hot coals, and containing less nitrogen, and also if this was heated as much as possible before it was used in the generator. Nor must it be overlooked that in conducting the process in a Siemens' furnace, heat is constantly added to the bath.

Kazeti intends to perform the fusion of the ore, keeping the metal and slag in a perfectly liquid state, as well as to regulate the quantity of carbon in the iron, all in one and the same Siemens' furnace. The fusion of the ore and the subsequent precipitation of the iron shall, however, take place in charges of 5 to 10 cwt., following one after the other, and the slag remaining after each charge be drawn off. In this way too great a cooling down would be avoided, and the action of the heat on the metal bath be accelerated. Some cast iron may be smelted with it both at the beginning of the process, to prevent the difficulty of fusible iron beginning to solidify on the deep hearth, and at the end of the process to regulate the amount of carbon in it. The hearth should be made of bauxite or even pure lime, instead of quartz, and the reducing gas be introduced in the same manner as steam is introduced in the so-called steam puddling. The final product should be tapped and drawn off into receivers as in a common Siemens' furnace.

According to the observations of Dr. Kraus, of the quantity of heat obtained from the fuel employed in an ordinary flame furnace, only about 7 per cent., and even in a regenerative gas furnace 15 per cent., is actually used, while the useful effect in a blast furnace reaches 60 per cent. When we consider this it will be evident that, in spite of the loss of fuel by coking, &c., it must be very economical to employ a stack furnace, whenever possible, for fusing ore. An ordinary stack furnace could hardly be employed for this because it would be difficult to avoid at least a partial reduction of the iron. A hearth similar to the English fining hearth could be built with an igniting furnace, like a stack furnace, attached to it behind, and this might lead to the desired result, because such a smelting apparatus would require little repairing, would cause the combustion to extend to carbonic acid, and would utilize the greatest possible percentage of the heat generated. From this smelting hearth the bath of ore would be drawn off periodically into the Siemens' furnace, where the reduction and precipitation of the iron is to take place.

In regard to the production of pure reducing gases, we would refer to the extensive experiments of Tessie du Motay, in Comines near Lille. He obtained better gases by passing hot steam down through a shaft furnace filled with glowing coke, and conducted away the gases formed from the bottom; when the glowing coke was almost extinguished, the steam was shut off, fresh coke added above, wind blown in below, and the coke again brought to a glow. To obtain a continuous current of such gases, principally carburized hydrogen and carbonic oxide, there must be two such furnaces in action at the same time, so that the coke can be reignited in one while it is being extinguished in the other. Tessie du Motay has fused platinum in a furnace fed with these gases, according to the testimony of an eye-witness.

In conclusion Turner moved that the committee of the Montanistische Union of Steiermark, decide to give as its verdict, in regard to Kazeti's process for making iron and steel directly from the ore, that although in carrying it out many difficulties would have to be encountered, a favorable result could not be denied it, and hence the continuance of the experiments are most warmly recommended, and the more so because the cost of the first experiments are relatively not very large. The motion was carried unanimously.—*Oester. Zeitschr. f. Berg- und Hüttenwesen*.





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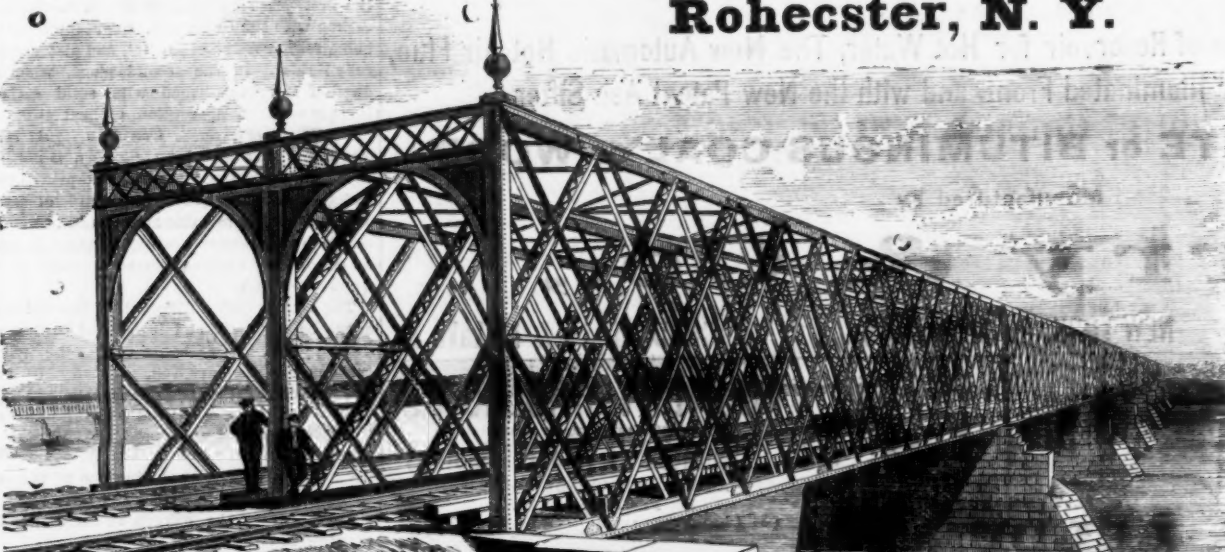
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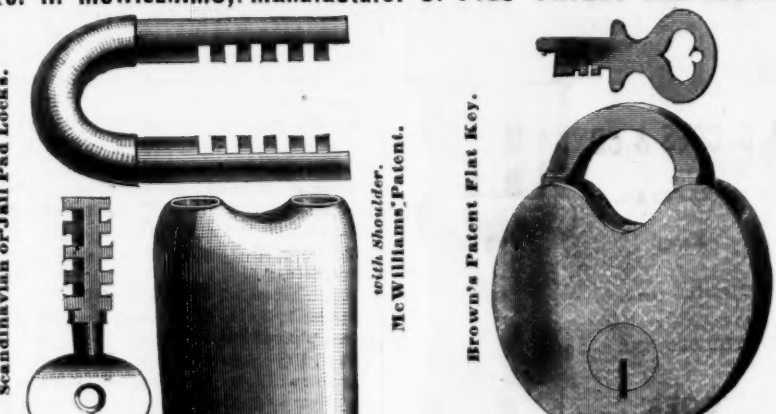
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### Iron Making in the South—Cost and Quality of Coke and Charcoal.

CARTERSVILLE, BARTOW CO., GEO.,  
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To the Editor of the Iron Age: I have assumed that the manufacture of hot blast iron in the South has already gone beyond limits where it can be profitable. The practical point is that the hot blast irons of Alabama do not bring any more price in Cincinnati or Louisville than coke made irons—that the Chattanooga Iron Company can and does get as much for its Coke Foundry No. 1 as any of the Selma Rome and Dalton furnaces for their Hot Blast Foundry No. 1. The question arises, then, can these large furnaces afford to run as cold blast thereby getting the higher price? It is my belief that they cannot; then we may assume that when charcoal gets so distant as to have to be hauled 3 1/4 to 4 miles they cannot afford to make hot blast or any other charcoal iron. Assuming a make of 18 tons per day, and a consumption and waste, therefore, of 2300 bushels of charcoal, to make which we assume a yield of 40 bushels to the cord, and 27 1/2 cords to the acre, and two acres per day is demanded of wood, in a 300 days' run 600 acres—very near one square mile, and ten square miles in 10 years. There are now but few if any furnaces which have at their command, within a radius of four miles, ten square miles of wooded land, and I am sure none on the Selma, Rome and Dalton Road, and all but Shelby and Brierfield are located in a hilly section of country. I have given the very best yield of coal to the cord in pits and a fair consumption per ton of pig made. To haul their wood to pits and move the coal to furnace roads must be made, frequently at a great expense. An experienced iron man and first-class worker gave me the following figures as what he did and could make charcoal by close attention. He assumes 3 cords to the 100 bushels, and a haul of two miles. His figures are:

Cost of wood in tree (3 cords).....	\$45
Cutting.....	150
Hauling wood.....	45
Leaves, gathering and hauling.....	11
Use of tools, hearth, etc.....	25
Burning.....	130
Superintendence.....	16
Boards, etc.....	68
Hauling to furnace.....	130

Total for 100 bushels.....\$609  
Of course a furnace owning its land, and having it in as stock, could drop off the 45 cents cost of wood. Every half mile farther will add near 50 cents per 100 bushels. Beside the gentleman has put in nothing for new roads or keeping old ones in order, especially in clayey sections. I think that assuming 7 1/2 cents as the average cost on the S. R. & D. R. would be fair; that is, at 110 bushels to the ton, \$8.25.

The nearest coking coal now mined is 20 miles from Colera, up the South and North Road in the Cahaba field. This is mined at 3 cents per bushel of 80 pounds, 1 1/2 cents more will burn it, and a run of 130 miles put it to Tecumseh, the farthest of the large furnaces. Hence we have to produce 90 bushels of coke: Mining 90 bushels coal (3 cents).....\$27.00  
Burning.....135  
Railroad 130 miles.....200  
Total, \$57.35 for 90 bushels, enough to produce one ton of pig iron; or if furnace company do not own the coal, then 2 cents more for profit, or \$7.55. Hence we have for a ton of pig made each by charcoal and coke: Coke, \$7.55; ore, etc., \$3.50; labor, \$4=\$11.04. Value in Cincinnati, \$23. Charcoal: \$3.25; ore, etc., \$3.50; labor, \$4=\$11.75. Value in Cincinnati, \$23.

I think the labor in the coke furnace might be made lower than on hot blast charcoal. The yield of iron would also be larger, and I have put the charcoal at low figures. There are also veins of good coal nearer these furnaces than the point named. At any rate, whether those now built shall deem it economy to go on to coke, it is evident that coke iron can now be made on the Selma, Rome and Dalton Road cheaper than hot blast charcoal, that the latter will be getting more costly every year, that the coke is worth just as much in the market, and that the use of the immense beds of brown hematite on that road should be in that direction.

But in point of transportation to market the furnaces on the S. R. & D. R. cannot compete with those on the Western and Atlantic. The cost of coke to Bartow furnace is now 12 cents per bushel, and I have stated that when the Cincinnati Southern Road is built they will get it for 9 to 10 cents. The Dade mines are on the Nashville and Chattanooga Road, about 20 miles from Chattanooga. The coal, unfortunately, is slaty, and will have to be washed to make first-class coke, but even then it can probably be put on the market cheaper than any other coal now mined. The Suwanee Company mine their coal, coke it and transport to Cowan on their own road, thence to Chattanooga on the N. & C. about 60 miles, and sell it there at 10 1/2 cents per bushel. They claim to deliver their coal at Cowan at a cost of only 5 1/2 cents per bushel, hence at the Chattanooga price named there must be profit. Freight on the N. & C. is about 75 cents per ton for the distance run. The Suwanee coke has proven to be as good as iron making coke as any in point of purity, but it is evident that they must reduce the cost. The Dade coke should be put in Chattanooga for a freight of 50 cents per ton, and beyond, at 75 cents for 50 miles, and \$1 for 100 miles. The ton here meant is the railroad one of 50 bushels of 40 pounds each=2000 pounds. Hence, Dade coal can be delivered from the mine, say, to the iron ores near this place at 3 cents per bushel, or \$2.70 for a sufficient quantity to make a ton of iron. At present this coal is mined and coked for about 2 cents, slack being used; add 12 cents for proper treatment, and we have a total cost at Cartersville, say, of 7 cents per bushel. Here it would meet the cheap and rich ores from Guyton Hill and smaller beds up the Iron Valley.

In discussing the above we have seen that it is possible to deliver cokes, without counting profit, in Chattanooga at 5 cents per bushel. As we go up the Cincinnati Southern Road we come to a region where, with proper location, a minimum price of 4 cents per bushel may be reached. This is because the coal is easily and cheaply mined and makes a good coke, averaging an increase in bulk of 20 per cent. Beyond Emory Gap, where the railroad starts north through the mountains, for many miles are equal advantages as to coal and iron ore, but as yet no prospects of transportation. At Coal Creek the seam of coal at present worked has not made good coke, but it is known that above it are good coking coals, and also one seam excellent for working raw. Transportation to market is also poor and costly.

As to the qualities of these coals, analyses are somewhat uncertain, but they are at present our only guide as to the Alabama field. Two analyses I have from the Cahaba field give: 1st. Carbon, 80-96; Volatile matter, 13-96; Ash, 6-00; 2d. 84-92; 13-29; 1-75.

I regret that I have none from the Warrior field that I consider a coking coal. Dade coal

Limestone.....50  
Contingencies.....150

From Cartersville there is equal facility to Louisville and St. Louis, but to Cincinnati the Emory Gap or Walden's Ridge region would have an advantage. Of the quality and quantity of these ores I shall speak hereafter; at present it may be said that with all these possibilities of cheap iron, the South has not so far placed any coke iron in Northern or Western markets cheaper than it is now produced in the furnaces of those regions. It can only do so in the future by a new system of management and the economy which "tight times" has learned the Pennsylvania furnace men.

To save themselves, the Suwanee Company must reduce very materially the price of their coke or erect a furnace at Cowan. I claim that they cannot do this at Tracy City, because they have not now more water than their coal operations demand. They make coke mostly from slack; they now deliver their lump coal, highly esteemed as a steam and rolling mill coal, at Cowan for not over 5 1/2 cents per bushel; they can deliver coke there, including the cost of

chines. The larger portion of the establishments is situated in Poland; next in order come the Baltic provinces, then the provinces of the center and of the south. The 167 establishments possess 422 engines and 476 boilers, of a total force of 6162 horse-power, employing 41,382 workmen. These establishments consume yearly 133,800 tons of pig iron, 164,898 tons of wrought iron and 127,000 tons of fuel, of which about 100,000 tons consists of coal and coke.

#### W. & B. Douglas' Hydraulic Ram.

We take the accompanying cuts from the catalogue of Messrs. W. & B. Douglas, of Middletown, Conn. The first cut illustrates a hydraulic ram in operation. The principle upon which the hydraulic ram works is the raising of a small quantity of water to a considerable height by the force of a larger quantity flowing from a smaller elevation.

In many country and village houses the transport of water for culinary purposes is of daily occurrence, and that, too, in places where nature has provided running streams that would be ample to lift the water to any reasonable

Thus, if the ram be placed under a head or fall of 5 feet, of every seven gallons drawn from the spring one may be raised 25 feet, or half a gallon 50 feet. Or with 10 feet fall applied to the machine, of every fourteen gallons drawn from the spring, one gallon may be raised to the height of 100 feet above the machine, and so in like proportion, as the fall or rise is increased or diminished.

The cut shows the ram as set up in operation, except that it should be placed down in a pit two or three feet deep, sufficient to cover it from frost, with a race-way or ditch running from the pit to carry off the waste water, and the pipes properly covered under ground, so as to be out of the way of frost or other injury.

It will be seen that the spring, brook or pond from which the water is taken by the drive pipe to the ram, is represented as being in the clump of trees at the right of the plate. The drive pipe (from spring to ram) should ordinarily be about 25 feet in length, and of size adapted to the capacity of the ram. A medium head or fall, to place the ram under, is about 3 feet; yet this may be varied according to circumstances. The pipe above shown as coming out at the front of the cut of ram is the discharge pipe, which conveys the water to place of use, and is required to be only about half the diameter of the drive pipe.

There are many situations, however, in which the running stream, though having an abundant fall, is not good for drinking or fit for use about the house. This is frequently the case, and people say that they cannot use the hydraulic ram because, although the water is abundant, the quality is bad. Here Messrs. Douglas step in and give us a Hydraulic Ram Engine, or an engine in which the hydraulic ram is made to work a pump. This engine is shown in Fig. 2.

This machine is designed for applying to a small stream or run where there is some 3 or 4 feet fall, or more, by which it may be operated to force up another kind of water from that which drives it. Thus it may be applied to a brook, and be operated by that to force up pure well or spring water from another fountain. Being driven by one kind, and at the same time forcing up another kind of water, it is rendered of value where there is a running stream with some fall near a fine spring or well, as by the application of this machine all the water from the spring or well may be forced up to any point required for use. With 5 feet fall applied as driving power from the brook or run, it will raise through the suction pipe some 10 to 15 feet high, and force the pure water up an elevation of some 25 or 30 feet above the pump at the rate of about 1 1/2 pints per minute. It will force greater heights in less proportion, and less heights in greater proportion.

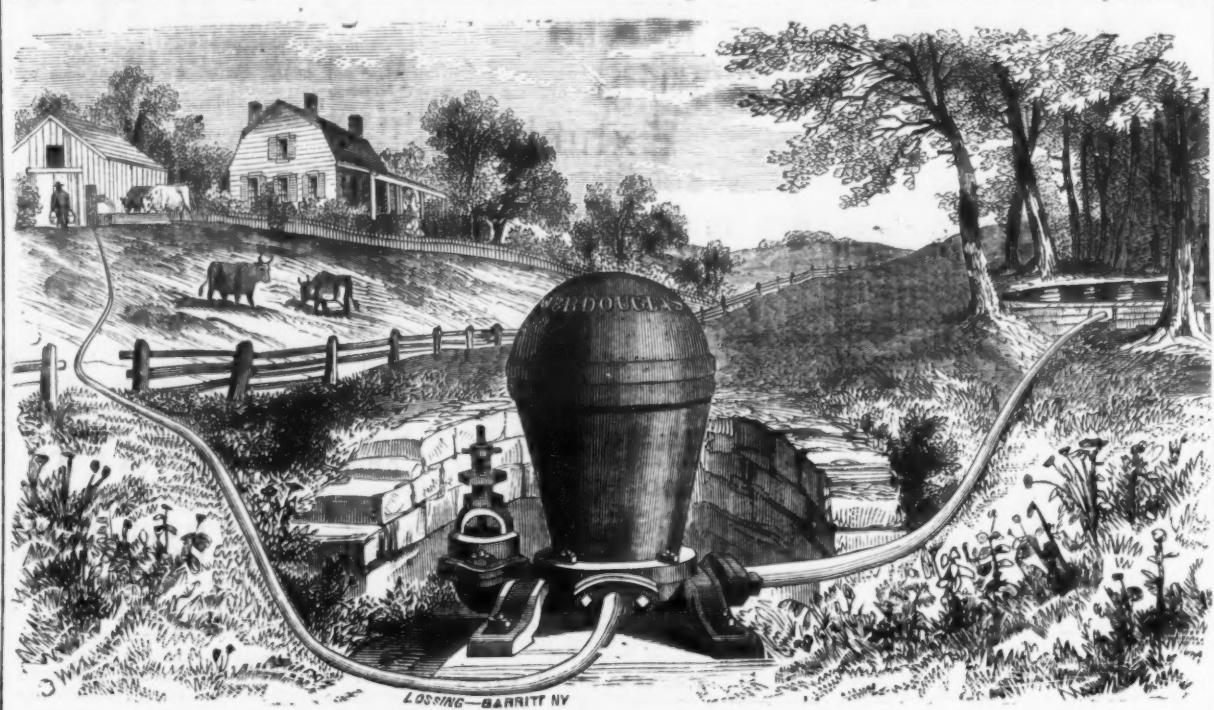
Some improvements in this machine have been made not shown in the cut. It now has two impetus valves and a brass cylinder and piston in the place of the globe and diaphragm, as represented, to apply the power to the working lever.

By means of the hydraulic ram engine a stream, no matter whether of drinking water or not, can be made to furnish a stream of pure water taken from a spring or well, and deliver the water at any reasonable height. We think it deserves to be more generally known, for it would be very useful in many places where no other form of ram is applicable.

**Spanish Locks.**—Says the Engineer: To the serious competition in permanent way fastenings coming from Belgium and France, has to be added the United States manufacturers of bright headed bolts and nuts, who are underselling Birmingham makers by from 20 to 25 per cent., and now a new danger threatens. We have competition in another class of hardware coming from the most unexpected quarter. Politicians have spoken of some manifestations of the revival of energy throughout the Spanish nation, but it was hardly to be expected that from Barcelona there should be sent into the Birmingham district locks and hinges at prices with which Staffordshire makers are quite unable to compete. It would be a strange result of the finding of good hematite ore in Spain, and the using of it by the makers of best iron and steel in this country, if it should lead to this condition of things. At all events, it is found that the locksmiths of Barcelona are obtaining British iron through Birmingham merchants, are paying for it our prices, plus the importation duty in their own country, are manufacturing it into bright door locks of German patterns, and those locks, accompanied with cast iron keys, which they probably get from France, they are offering, together with beaten hinges, through the Birmingham merchants from whom they get the iron, at rates which are hardly more than the Staffordshire lock maker would have to pay for the materials from which his goods are mostly produced.

The National Tube Works Company was represented in the Bunker Hill Centennial procession by some fine specimens of lap-welded wrought iron tubing, drawn by six large black horses on a wagon tastefully draped with bunting. The tubing, some of the specimens of which were very large, was effectively arranged to represent a cannon on a gun carriage. The carriage was made of tubing, six sections on a side, the cannon being represented by a section of lap-welded tubing 13 inches in diameter, said to be the largest manufactured in the world. On each of the tubes of which the carriage is composed is the name of one of the original 13 States, and on the large tube representing the "big gun" was inscribed: "Massachusetts, 1775—Our Union Welded—1875."

The extensive rolling mill of Hoover & Sons, at Norristown, Pa., will resume operations this week, after having been idle nearly two years. The puddlers have agreed to work on the \$4 basis to fill a contract order for 1000 tons of iron.



HYDRAULIC RAM SET UP.—Fig. 1.

gives (an old analysis): Carbon, 76-85; volatile matter, 9-75; ash, 11-05. I have no analysis of Suwanee now before me, but it is about the same as Dade. The analysis given above was from near the surface; the mine is now worked far under the mountain, and the coal is better. The Walden's Ridge coal, as worked at Rockwood, shows: Carbon, 76-79; volatile matter, 16-30; ash, 6-65; sulphur, 0-33. This is a fair sample of the coal which exists for 40 miles along the Cincinnati Southern Road, and north of Emory Gap for full 40 more. The horizontal vein worked at Coal Creek is a rich bituminous gas or a grate coal, breaking into cubes and standing transportation very well. Dade, Suwanee and the Walden's Ridge coal are all disposed to be friable and have no distinctive fracture—rather inclined to scales. They contain but little sulphur. That derived from the Etna mines has so far contained too much sulphur to become permanently a favorite as a blast furnace coke. In grading the C. S. R. R. seams have been opened which have the appearance of good coking coals, and experiments in a small way prove them to be such, and if so they can be delivered in Chattanooga at cheap rates—75 cents to \$1 per ton. The Suwanee, Dade and Etna companies all use the simple bee hive oven, and it is believed that with washing the coal they will make near as good a coke as Connellsville. A Belgian oven erected at Rising Farm had not proven a success at the time of my visit. The bee hive is simple and easily worked by unskilled labor; hence the thing for this region.

It may be assumed, therefore, that a coke approaching very near if not full as good as Connellsville can be delivered to Cartersville for 7 cents, to Chattanooga for 6 cents, to a furnace say at Emory Gap for 4 cents per bushel that parties on the S. R. & D. R. R., owning their own mine can, for many years, get good coke at 6 1/2 cents, while their charcoal, now 7 cents, will be continually increasing in cost. At the same time, while these necessities to iron making can be gotten at these prices, they are not now so sold, and it remains to be seen if the mines will afford them at those rates. They have yet to learn that a country is more benefited by doing a large business on a small profit than a small business on a large profit. The Suwanee Company deserve praise, however, for their attempt to carry out the first plan, but nature has placed great obstacles in their way.

With coke delivered in this town at 7 cents per bushel, pig iron could be made as follows, using the ore of the Guyton Hill, and supposing it to be brought in by a narrow gauge road: Coke, 90 bushels.....\$54.00  
Ore (62 per cent.) 1 1/2 tons (\$1.50 per ton).....22.50  
Labor.....4.00  
Limestone......50  
Contingencies.....1.50  
Total.....\$82.50

On the line of the C. S. R. R., say at or near Emory Gap, ore will cost more here as it has to be mined from a vein. We have:

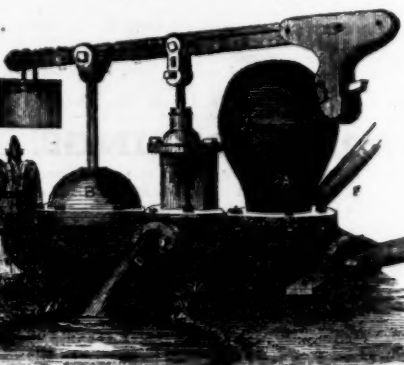
Coke, 90 bushels.....	\$54.00
Ore, 1 1/2 tons, at \$1.50.....	22.50
Labor.....	4.00

burning, at 6 cents. Suppose they deliver coke to a Georgia furnace on the Western and Atlantic Road and receive ore in return, as they own the cars in which their coke is transported, freight to them is cheap. We can safely estimate:

Coke, 90 bushels, at 6 cents.....	\$54.00
Ore, 1 1/2 tons, at \$1.50.....	22.50
Limestone.....	50
Labor.....	3.00
Contingencies.....	1.50
Total.....	\$81.50

Thus it is evident that the Suwanee Company, by a double use of their cars, can make iron very cheaply, and also have 30 cents to \$1.50 advantage in freight of the pig. I have placed them in the W. and A. Road, because freight to the S. R. and D. would be higher.

Now, I admit that at this time there does not seem to be any need for the production of more iron, but if so at all, the demand is for good iron at a small cost. What is being done can



HYDRAULIC RAM ENGINE.—Fig. 2.

be gathered from my past letters; what can be done is shown in this, and so high an authority as Lowthian Bell shows that coal can be thus cheaply produced in the South. If the coal men determine to sell their coke at these low rates, the following would be the cost of pig made at the places I have indicated, and delivered in Cincinnati:

	Cost.	Freight.	Total.
Cartersville.....	\$14.02 1/2	\$5.00	\$19.02 1/2
Emory Gap.....	13.10	3.50	16.60
Suwanee.....	15.65	4.70	20.35
Tecumseh.....	14.95	5.90	20.85

Whether iron averaging No. 9 foundry will pay a profit if delivered in Cincinnati at above prices, is a point I leave my reader to calculate.

HENRY E. COLTON.

**Russian Manufactures.**—A report recently presented to the Technical Society of St. Petersburg shows that a large portion of the manufacturing establishments of Russia are in the hands of foreigners. In the district of St. Petersburg, for instance, foreigners possess 28 out of 32; in the province of Moscow, 22 out of 47; in the district of the Vistula, 6 out of 14; and in the Baltic provinces, 21. The total number of works for the construction of engines in Russia, without counting the Imperial establishment, is 167, three-quarters of which number make locomotives and other railway plant, while the remaining quarter constructs agricultural engines and appliances, and other ma-

elevation. The number of situations where this can be successfully done, and at a reasonable expense, is greater than is generally supposed.

The various uses of the ram are obvious, viz.: For the purposes of irrigating lands, supplying dwellings, barnyards, gardens, factories, villages, engines, railroad stations, etc., with running water. The simplicity of the operation of this machine, together with its effectiveness and very apparent durability, renders it decidedly the most important and valuable apparatus yet developed in hydraulics for forcing a portion of a running stream of water to any elevation, proportionate to the fall obtained. It is perfectly applicable where no more than 18 inches fall can be had; yet the greater the fall applied, the more powerful the operation of the machine, and the higher the water may be conveyed.

The relative proportions between the water raised and wasted is dependent entirely upon the relative height of the spring or source of supply above the ram, and the elevation to which it is required to raise—the quantity raised varying in proportion to the height to which it is conveyed with a given fall; also, the distance which the water has to be conveyed, and consequent length of the pipe, has some bearing on the quantity of water raised and discharged by the ram, as the longer the pipe through which the water has to be forced by the machine, the greater the friction to be overcome, and the more the power consumed in the operation; yet it is common to apply the ram for conveying the water distances of one and two hundred rods, and up elevations of one and two hundred feet. Ten feet fall from the spring or brook to the ram, is abundantly sufficient for forcing up the water to any elevation under, say, 150 feet in height above the level of the point where the ram is located; and the same 10 feet fall will raise the water to a much higher point than above last named, although in a diminished quantity in proportion as the height is increased. When a sufficient quantity of water is raised with a given fall, it is not advisable to increase said fall, as, in so doing, the force with which the ram works is increased, and the amount of labor which it has to perform greatly augmented, the wear and tear of the machine proportionately increased, and the durability of the same lessened; so that economy in the expense of keeping the ram in repair would dictate that no greater fall should be applied for propelling the ram than is sufficient to raise a requisite supply of water to the place of use.

To enable any person to make the calculation as to what fall would be sufficient to apply to the ram to raise a sufficient supply of water to his premises, we would say that in conveying it an ordinary distance of say 50 or 60 rods, it may be safely calculated that about one-seventh part of the water can be raised and discharged at an elevation above the ram, five times as high as the fall which is applied to the ram, or one-fourteenth part can be raised and discharged, say ten times as high as the fall applied; and so in that proportion as the fall or rise is varied.



### The Law of Trade-marks and their Analogues.

BY ROWLAND COX, ESQ.

VI.

Where the trade-mark consists of a word or words it may be infringed by a use of words which, although wholly different in appearance from the original, are *idem sonans*, and hence calculated to mislead. But cases of this kind are rare, the question in almost every instance depending upon the effect upon the eye.

A case of pronounced importance, which illustrates most happily the whole doctrine of infringement, was decided a few days since by Judge Drummond, of the United States bench, whose high character gives especial weight to his opinion. The marks involved were impressions upon soap, and the decision is, therefore, applicable in all instances where the marks are stamped upon the article itself, and not upon a label or tag. The two allocations were as follows:

PROCTER & GAMBLE.

MOTTLED GERMAN.

[Cut.]

S. W. McBRIDE & CO.,

GERMAN MOTTLED.

[Cut.]

The cuts were dissimilar, and the words "German" and "mottled" were admitted to be the common property of the public, so that the issue hinged upon whether there was such an imitation of the *tout ensemble* as would warrant the issuing of an injunction.

The case was heard in the first instance by Judge Blodgett, who ruled in favor of the defendants. He said, in substance, among other things, "there is scarcely a possibility of mistake. If parties desire the complainant's article they will specify Procter & Gamble's, and if they want the defendant's production they will ask for McBride's." But upon a subsequent argument before Judge Drummond it was decided that there was an infringement, and the defendants were restrained with costs. The litigation lasted nearly three years, the case having been held under advisement by the court for more than twelve months. The decision is one of great moment to every manufacturer, and is to be regarded as a very clear recognition of the most advanced views touching infringement, a pointed affirmation of the cases that are most favorable to the fullest protection of every class of marks.

As a general rule, therefore, the question of infringement is readily answered. Few experienced manufacturers will err in determining when the line which the law has fixed has been crossed. If they fail in an attempt to enforce their claim, it will be attributable to lack of care and discernment in bringing the case to trial, or because the mark is *matum in se*, or not the proper subject of ownership. The client, in short, will be right, and his counsel wrong, in his law or facts.

The views announced in connection with the topic that has been discussed in the present and two preceding papers might be abundantly fortified by the citation of numerous cases other than those that have been mentioned. They may be, as heretofore stated, advanced to the extreme limit of principle and precedent; but they are none the less, it is believed, sound, and, to all intents and purposes, the law of the land, being the law of the tribunals of final appeal. They are certainly the view of every jurist and text writer who has given the subject mature deliberation, and whatever doubts may exist concerning them can be traced to sources which are not to be regarded as strictly authoritative.

The true doctrine is that the law contemplates the simplest equity and nothing more—or, to put it in broad English, only fair play. Whatever is not fair play, if done *malto animo*, will be prevented by the courts if properly brought to their attention. And this is true not only of the question of infringement, but of every branch of the subject, provided always that there be nothing of a mechanical nature directly involved.

Where an infringement is found, the accepted doctrine is that damages follow *ex necessitate rei*. The rule is that the measure of damage is the amount of profits realized by the infringer in the sales of the article to which the simulated mark has been attached. The law proceeds upon the assumption that by means of the false marks the defendant has diverted to himself profits which, but for his wrong, would have accrued to the plaintiff. At any rate, the infringer is treated as a trespasser and compelled to respond accordingly.

There is, however, some obscurity in respect of the matter of damages, and the American cases are rare in which they have been insisted upon. But the doctrine above announced has never been directly disputed, and has been recognized in several instances, while in England it is definitively settled law. Practically, it is such in this country, the obscurity being attributable to other causes than those that have come of a difference between the views of jurists. It has usually happened that plaintiffs have ignored the minor question of compensation, and rested upon the establishment of their right to hold the mark at issue, and hence the subject of damages has been but infrequently passed upon.

The form of injunction should be such as to preclude the use of the mark complained of, and any and every other imitation of the origi-

nal. This form is always allowed upon application, and when adopted places the defendant in a position where he is guilty of contempt if he attempts to evade the terms of the writ, and renders him liable to fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court, if the change is not a true departure.

In concluding the topic of infringement, it may be expedient, to prevent misapprehension, to revert to the point that the expression "possibility of deception" is not to be taken in a loose sense. There is a possibility of mistake where there is not the semblance of imitation in the marks. Two manufacturers may put up their goods in exactly the same form of package, and the difference in the names or symbols, however pronounced, may readily escape the observation of an incautious purchaser. Any possibility arising from such a cause is to be wholly excluded. The inquiry has relation to the marks. The question is, are A's marks an imitation of B's? Not, under any circumstances, are A's goods so packed that they will be mistaken for B's? If there be a possibility of mistake in respect of the marks, the words or signs which are applied as marks, in the narrow meaning of the term, the rule as laid down will obtain, after which the shape of the package and other like incidents become important as matters of circumstantial force. But the primal cause of deception must be found in the imitation of the *indicia* that the law recognizes as a species of property, and in it alone.

The speed of trains in Germany is illustrated by a report of the railroad bureau of the empire for the month of December last. It states that the greatest speed per hour, including stops at intermediate stations, was, for express and fast trains, 34 miles on the Berlin, Potsdam and Magdeburg road; for ordinary passenger trains, 25 miles per hour on the Maerchen and Posen road. The slowest speed were for express and fast trains 21 miles per hour on the East Prussia Southern Road; for ordinary passenger trains, 16 miles per hour on the Ermsbath and the Cromberg roads of Wurtemberg. The average speeds per hour were, for express and fast trains 28 miles; for ordinary passenger trains 21 miles. This is for the whole empire, except Bavaria.

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A clean and complete stock of Hardware, Tin and Stoves, with the good will of an old and well established trade. Room centrally located and been used for same business for 25 years past, and in one of the most substantial and rapidly growing cities of Northern Ohio. Do a business of about \$75,000 per year, and will invoice about \$30,000. Will sell Hardware separate if desired. Good and satisfactory reasons given for selling. Apply to our agent. MYERS & WILLIAMS, Tiffin, Ohio.

## For Sale.

A first-class Hardware Business, located in the thriving city of Bloomington, Ill. Above business has been established for over twenty (20) years, and presents to any one desirous of doing an "A No. 1" retail and jobbing trade a most favorable opportunity. Amount of stock about \$15,000. Will be sold at a sacrifice. Ample reasons given for selling. For further information, address, GEO. SHADNER, Bloomington, Ill.

## FOR SALE.

An ¼ inch mill train for making Merchant, Band and op Iron. Will be sold cheap. Apply to W. W. JONES, Near the Lehigh Valley Railroad Depot, Allentown, Pa.

## To Stove Manufacturers and Foundrymen.

The Carbon Stove Company, of Burlington, N. J.,

Will sell their Foundry, with all its appurtenances, business and good will, upon very liberal and accommodating terms, offering to any party wishing to engage in the Stove or general Foundry Business a rare opportunity.

The Foundry Buildings, which are of a capacity to employ forty or more molders, are very conveniently located upon navigable tide water on one side, and the Pennsylvania Railroad, with its freight station in front, being on the direct line between New York and Philadelphia.

The Buildings, Machinery and Appliances are all in prime order, and the assortment of Patterns, &c., for Stove, Range or Heater work, unsurpassed. Address, for terms or other particulars, CARBON STOVE CO., Burlington, N. J.

## For Sale, Hardware Business

In successful operation since 1845. Rare opportunity to secure an old and established business. Stock of General Hardware, Iron, Nails, &c., will invoice \$6000 to \$8000. Two story brick business room, 25x30, with cellar under all, for \$8000. After first payment will make such terms as will be cash, and cannot fail to purchase. With assets purchaser at starting, if necessary. Satisfactory reasons for selling will be given. Address, H. A. WOODB., Cambridge City, Wayne Co., Ind.

## A BLAST FURNACE FOR SALE AT

Napanoch, Ulster Co., State of New York, on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, with extra facilities, and a capacity of 30 tons per day Anthracite or 15 tons of Charcoal, together with a splendid water-power, goes with the furnace. The furnace is in good order and could be put in blast in a short time. Will be sold very low on accommodating terms. Charcoal can be had for many years. Address, H. H. HANGE, 94 Gold Street, New York City.

## FOR SALE.

At Lowest Manufacturers' Rates, GUNS & SHEET ZINC, Best German and Belgian Brands, By LOUIS WINDMULLER & ROELKEE, 90 Rennie Street, N. Y.

## For Sale, Stove and Tin Business.

Will sell, on good terms, one of the best arranged House Furnishing Stores in Canada West, at St. Thomas. The premises are roomy, the buildings having been arranged especially for this trade, with Tinmith's workshops and benches complete for 12 men.

## Present Stock about \$6000.

St. Thomas is the head quarters of the Canadian Southern Railway Co. To a practical, energetic man this offers unusual advantages. Business well established and with good connection. Reason for disposal, present proprietors increasing their wholesale and retail Hardware Store next door to the above premises. Address

HORSMAN & HORSMAN, Iron and Hardware Merchants, St. Thomas, Canada West.

## FOR SALE,

at 10¢ a copy, general Spanish Weekly Market Review, written and published by the subscriber. 24 June, 1875, number 125, circulating in Mexico, the West Indies, Central and South America, including Brazil, Spain and Manila, on which certain standard articles of American manufacture are quoted. The undersigned is also

Translator for Manufacturers and Land Companies, from and into the

ENGLISH, SPANISH, FRENCH, and GERMAN. Spanish Catalogues got up correctly and with despatch. Address, C. KIRCHHOFF, Metal Reporter of "The Iron Age," Box 3091, N. Y.



# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 23, 1875.

During the past week there has been some uneasiness in financial and business circles owing to the recent heavy failures in London. Among them the metal trades have been pretty well represented, and fears have been entertained that a general panic would ensue, from the effects of which the trade of the whole world would suffer. The failures were not unexpected, however, and their effects have been so generally discounted that no serious fluctuations in general values resulted. In this country the financial markets are free from exciting causes.

The money market continues extremely easy, for the reasons noted last week, and call loans are made at 2 @ 2½ per cent.

The discount rate on good commercial paper is 3½ @ 5 per cent.

The gold market has been strong, and although no speculative combinations of consequence have been formed, the premium has kept well up, as will be seen from the following table, showing the extreme daily fluctuations:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	117½	117½
Friday.....	117½	117½
Saturday.....	117½	117½
Sunday.....	117½	117½
Tuesday.....	117½	117½
Wednesday.....	117½	117½

The stock market was unsettled and feverish until Monday last, when a reaction set in, by which the Pacific Mail has most benefited. Tuesday afternoon the market declined again, and to-day it has experienced no important changes. The principal activity has been in Pacific Mail, Lake Shore, Western Union, Erie, Rock Island, Union Pacific and St. Paul. The highest and lowest of to-day's quotations of active stocks are given below.

The bond market has been strong, but dull both here and in London. Railway mortgages are strong, especially those of the Union and Central Pacific railroads. We give below the closing quotations of governments.

The following is a comparison of the bank averages for the past two weeks, showing a gain of \$2,922,800 in total reserve and \$2,697,950 in surplus reserve. The banks now hold \$26,036,475 lawful money above the legal requirement:

	June 12.	June 19.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$277,587,800	\$273,217,200	Dec. \$4,370,600
Specie.....	10,808,200	11,653,300	Inc. 845,100
Leg. tend.....	66,822,500	68,900,100	Inc. 2,077,600
Deposits.....	233,168,700	234,098,100	Inc. 899,400
Circulation.....	19,666,600	19,148,000	Dec. 518,600

The foreign trade movements for the week are shown as follows:

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$5,790,952	\$6,854,641	\$4,683,961
Prev. reported.....	196,864,823	197,652,369	164,128,706
Since Jan. 1.....	\$304,655,775	\$304,507,010	\$163,812,667

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Anvils.....	476	\$5,300
Brass goods.....	9	1,383
Iron tubes.....	15	9,262
Chains and anchors.....	28	1,006
Cutlery.....	60	15,601
Guns.....	45	9,099
Hardware.....	19	1,556
Iron, pig, tons.....	1,016	30,689
Iron, sheet, tons.....	32	1,432
Railroad bars.....	4,447	82,342
Iron, cotton ties.....	1,891	1,891
Iron tubes.....	1,272	1,272
Iron, other, tons.....	349	6,804
Iron ore, tons.....	430	661
Lead, pigs.....	2,741	13,579
Metal goods.....	19	1,556
Nails.....	231	231
Needles.....	13	6,012
Old metal.....	1,550	1,550
Per. caps.....	3	773
Saddlery.....	5	826
Steel.....	1,874	20,765
Spelter.....	6,475	3,655
Silverware.....	1	383
Tin, boxes.....	118,966	118,966
Wire.....	633	8,195
Zinc.....	5,500	875

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$5,728,915	\$6,489,678	\$5,697,019
Prev. reported.....	128,913,005	131,325,355	110,938,394
Since Jan. 1.....	\$134,610,920	\$137,789,003	\$116,533,343

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728
Same time in 1874.....	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728
Same time in 1873.....	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728	\$48,903,728

Government bonds at the close were steady with quotations as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6's.....	120½	121
U. S. 6's 1881, reg.....	120½	121
U. S. 6's 1881, cou.....	120½	121
U. S. 1884, 5-30 reg.....	118	118½
U. S. 5-30 1884, cou.....	117½	118
U. S. 5-30 1884, reg.....	118½	119
U. S. 5-30 1884, cou.....	118½	119
U. S. 5-30 1885, reg.....	121	121½
U. S. 5-30 1885, cou.....	122	122½
U. S. 5-30 1885, reg.....	120½	121
U. S. 5-30 1885, cou.....	121½	122
U. S. 5-30 1886, reg.....	121½	122
U. S. 5-30 1886, cou.....	121½	122
U. S. 10-40 reg.....	117½	118
U. S. 10-40 cou.....	119½	120
U. S. 5's 1881, reg.....	117½	118
U. S. 5's 1881, cou.....	118½	119

The following were the highest and lowest prices of stocks to-day:

	Bid.	Asked.
N. Y. Cen. & Hudson Consolidated.....	108	108½
Lake Shore.....	62	63
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.....	119½	120
Cleveland & Pittsburgh.....	90½	91
Western Union Telegraph.....	74	74½
Northwestern.....	38½	39
Milwaukee & St. Paul.....	38	38½
Pacific Mail.....	29½	30
Erie.....	137½	138
Ohio & Mississippi.....	23½	24
Union Pacific.....	73½	74
Missouri Pacific.....	50	50½
Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.....	15½	16
C. C. & Ind. Gen.....	4½	4½
Humboldt and St. Joseph.....	23½	24
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.....	78½	79

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

There is no improvement to notice in the demand for General Hardware, and few changes in quotations have occurred since our last review.

In Foreign Hardware there is little or nothing doing, and no changes in values to report.

The Na'l market continues in the same condition noted last week. We continue to quote 10d. at \$3-25 per keg for lots of 200 kegs and over; for smaller lots \$3-30 @ \$3-40 is the asking rate, according to quantity.

On the 18th Instant Burden's Horse and Mule Shoes were reduced 75 cents per keg. The following are the net prices of these goods in Troy, N. Y.:

	Per keg, cash.
Horse Shoes 4½ cents per pound.	\$4-87½
Mule " 5½ " "	\$5-87½
500 kegs dis. 2 per cent.	\$5-87½
1000 " " 3 " "	\$5-87½
1500 " " 4 " "	\$5-87½
2000 " " 5 " "	\$5-87½

The Rhode Island Horse Shoe Co. have issued the following circular:

OFFICE OF THE  
RHODE ISLAND HORSE SHOE CO.,  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 19, 1875.

Our present prices for Horse and Mule Shoes in New York are as follows:

	Per keg, cash.
Perkins Pattern.....	\$4-87½
Rhode Island Pattern.....	\$5-87½
City.....	\$5-87½
Mule Shoes.....	\$5-87½
Perkins Trotting or Snow Shoes.....	\$6-87½

Horse Durable & Co., 97 Chambers and 81

Reade streets, New York, are our only agents

for the sale of our Horse and Mule Shoes, and

they are authorized to sell, at all times, at our

lowest factory prices. A full assortment of our

Shoes we purpose to keep in their store, ready

for immediate delivery.

RHODE ISLAND HORSE SHOE CO.

George W. Bruce, No. 1 Platt street, has issued

a circular under date of 19th instant, in

which he quotes Burden's Horse Shoes \$4-87½,

and Mule Shoes \$5-87½ per keg. Union Horse

Shoe Co.'s Mule Shoes, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, assorted,

in keg \$5-25 per keg, and No. 3 alone \$4-50

per keg, net cash.

The following circular explains itself:

New York, June 15th, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: A recent agreement with the

Auburn Tool Company gives us the exclusive

sale of their Planes in this market, and conse-

quently all orders for their goods, to receive

prompt attention, should be submitted to us di-

rect.

We purpose to keep a full line of their Planes,

all kinds, in stock, which we guarantee to fur-

nish at all times at lowest factory rates.

Yours, truly,

HORACE DURRIS & Co.

The Stamped Ware Manufacturers Association

of the United States held their annual

meeting in this city on Tuesday, 23d instant.

The attendance was large and the meeting

harmonious. The only business of

importance to the Hardware trade trans-

acted was an advance in the price of Deep

Stamped Ware to discount 20 per cent., formerly

discount 25 per cent. In Common Stamped

Ware no changes were made in either

lists or discounts. The trade are aware that,

although the market for Tin Plates of small

sizes has for a long time been weak and in

buyers' favor, still the advance in the gold

premium has about equalized the net figures

with those ruling six months ago, but the

larger sizes of Tin Plates, and the extra

qualities required for deep stamping, have been

all along at firm and unchanged figures. The

advance in the gold premium has borne heavily

on the manufacturers using these higher grades

of Tin Plates, and hence the action taken at

their meeting yesterday.

We invite the attention of the trade to the

advertisement, on another page, of "The Buf-

falo Stove Boards," manufactured by Sidney

Shepard & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. These goods

have been before the public for several years,

and are highly spoken of by dealers and con-

sumers. They are offered to the trade at the

following list, which is subject to discount 35

per cent., instead of 30 per cent., as formerly:

ROUND.

	Each.	Each.
24 inch Round.....	\$1-35	\$2-25
30 " " ".....	1-50	2-50
36 " " ".....	1-75	3-00
42 " " ".....	2-00	3-50

SQUARE.

	Each.	Each.
22 inch Square.....	\$1-40	\$2-25
28 " " ".....	1-50	2-50
34 " " ".....	1-75	3-00
40 " " ".....	2-00	3-50

OBLONG.

	Each.	Each.
24x36 inch Oblong.....	\$1-75	\$2-50
30x30 " ".....	2-00	3-50
36x36 " ".....	2-25	3-75
42x42 " ".....	2-50	4-00
48x48 " ".....	2-75	4-50
54x54 " ".....	3-00	5-00

The superiority of material and construction

of these Stove Boards are now acknowledged

by all. We advise customers to select by care-

fully measuring their Stoves. The Boards

should be three inches, at least, longer than the

compass of the Stove legs.

NOTE.—Full cases contain 24 Boards of each

kind.

The Hazard Powder Co., No. 88 Wall street,

in a card issued under date of 19th instant, say:

"Should you desire a cheaper powder than our

'Enfield Rifle' (Deer) for 'Fourth of July,'

we are prepared to supply you with our 'A'

brand, fine grains, at \$3-25 per keg."

We learn the Nicholson File Co.'s stock of

Files has been much reduced, being now quite

light, and that no reduction in prices is looked

for at present. They say that their new net

list of January 1, 1875, being an average some 15

per cent. discount from the \$5 to \$1 list, has be-

come quite popular, and is fast superseding

that ancient and honorable document which

history informs us took some six months' time

of upward of 5000 Sheffield File makers (say

nothing of the talent and intelligence of the

Cutler's Association) to compile during the year

1872. The Hart, Bliven & Mead Manufacturing

Co., 18 and 30 Cliff streets, New York, are the

sole agents for these goods.

The Northampton Cutlery Co., No. 45 Mur-

ray street, have issued the following card under

date of 10th instant.

Mr. Theodore Weed assumes the manage-

ment of the business of this Company, at No.

45 Murray street, New York, Mr. D. P. Griffith

having this day retired from the position.

In making the above announcement, we

gratefully acknowledge the many favors and

liberal patronage of our friends and dealers in

Cutlery, etc., and respectfully solicit a continu-

ance of the same. Very truly,

NORTHAMPTON CUTLERY CO.

Mr. Weed is long and favorably known to a

large number of our readers; he purposes call-

ing on his out of town friends during the com-

ing season.

The Union Nut Co., 78 Beekman street, invite

the attention of the trade to their Cast Steel Corn

Hooks. The blades are polished and ground to

a sharp cutting edge ready for use; the handles

are of first class timber with square end, and

are firmly strapped and riveted to the blade.

These goods are very clearly illustrated in their

advertisement on page 33. They also illustrate

in the same place Rules and Levels manufac-

tured by the Standard Rule Co., for whom they

are agents.

We invite the attention of capitalists to the

advertisement of "Manufacturer," which will

be found among "Special Notices" on oppo-

site page. Although we are not at liberty to

give any further information regarding this

matter than is to be found in the advertisement,

we are free to say that this is a bona fide offer,

and in every way worthy the notice of capital

seeking investment.

The subject of trade marks has occupied a



Northern, 505; Great Eastern, 460; North Brit-



ish, 449; Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire, 342; London and Southwestern, 318; London, Brighton and South Coast, 254; and Glasgow and Southwestern, 230; the balance being made up by smaller companies. Among these, however, says *Iron*, "many points of interest present themselves—as, for instance, that the Metropolitan Railway possesses no more than 46, and the Metropolitan District Railway only 24 engines; while, on the other hand, one of the shortest, most active and best paying lines on our island—the Taff Vale—is credited with no less than 92 engines—a number explained by the enormous bulk of minerals sent down the line. The wear and tear of the immense mass of rolling stock catalogued above is very much less than is generally supposed. Repairs are needed from time to time by the best engines made, but with anything approaching fair treatment, the locomotive exhibits extraordinary tenacity of life. It is roughly calculated that an engine dies every day—no very great annual percentage on those in work, and which might be still further reduced were locomotive engines exposed to no rougher work than other species of the same genus.

## THE SCOTCH PIG IRON MARKET

was greatly depressed at the commencement of business last week owing to the commercial failures in London and elsewhere, and warrants went down to 58 on Tuesday. This is lower than warrant quotations have been since early in 1871, is 46 under the price of May, 1873, 25 below the figures of May, 1874, and 10 cheaper than the lowest point reached six months back. On Wednesday, however, a slightly better tone prevailed, and on Friday 59½ was the quoted price. The week's shipments were 9788 tons, slightly more than the total for the corresponding period of last year. Makers' brands fell somewhat, in consequence with warrants, and are still weak in price. The total stock in Connal's stores continues to augment, there being now over 38,000 tons on hand there, exclusive of such stocks as makers may have in their own yards. Freight to certain transatlantic ports have dropped, Glasgow and Ardrossan to New York being now 5/ to Boston 14/ to Baltimore 12/ and 15/ respectively, and Philadelphia 12/. Writing on June 24 from Glasgow, Messrs. James Watson & Co. thus report: "In the early part of this week the market was much depressed owing to commercial disasters in the South, business being done down to 58 on Tuesday; but since then an improvement has taken place, and warrants close to-day at 59½ buyers, sellers 59 cash. Shipments last week were 9788 tons against 7016 tons in the corresponding week of 1874. We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
G. M. B., at Glasgow	61/6	59/6	58/6
Gartsherrie	62/6	60/6	59/6
Coltness	62/6	60/6	59/6
Summerlee	62/6	60/6	59/6
Langloan	62/6	60/6	59/6
Cumber	62/6	60/6	59/6
Calder, at Port Dundas	62/6	60/6	59/6
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	62/6	60/6	59/6
Beginton	62/6	60/6	59/6
Dalmellington	62/6	60/6	59/6
Shotts, at Leith	62/6	60/6	59/6
Kinnell, at Boness	62/6	60/6	59/6

Messrs. John E. Swan & Bros. (Limited), prices are:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Glasgow Brands				
Gartsherrie	14	2	10	62/6
Coltness	12	0	12	62/6
Summerlee	6	2	8	62/6
Langloan	7	1	8	62/6
Glenarnock	4	2	8	62/6
Calder	4	2	8	62/6
Shotts, Besmer	3	2	7	62/6
Ordinary	3	2	7	62/6
Carbroe	4	2	8	62/6
Wishaw	2	1	8	62/6
Monkland	8	1	9	62/6
Chapelhall	6	0	6	62/6
Clyde	6	0	6	62/6
Quarter-Clyde	5	1	5	62/6

\* f. o. b. Glasgow, 1/ per ton, extra.

Glasgow Warrants, 3-5 No. 1; 2-5 No. 3, g. m. b., 59/6

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
WEST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. Ardrossan.				
Glenarnock	7	2	9	62/6
Ardrossan	4	1	5	62/6
Beginton	4	2	8	62/6
Langloan	4	0	4	62/6
Muir	4	0	4	62/6
Muir	4	0	4	62/6
Portland	4	0	4	62/6
Dalmellington	6	2	8	62/6

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
EAST COAST BRANDS—f. o. b. in the Forth.				
Kinnell	3	1	4	62/6
Almond	3	1	4	62/6
Carron, selected	3	1	4	62/6
Carron, ordinary	3	1	4	62/6
Lochelly	3	1	4	62/6
Lamphannan	3	1	4	62/6
Bridgend	3	1	4	62/6

Messrs. Wm. Colvin & Co., Glasgow, 8th June, say: "The warrant market continued pretty steady at the end of last week, and the price advanced from 58/6 to 59/6, which was the closing quotation on Friday. Yesterday there was more desire shown to sell, and business was done from 59/3 to 59/6. To-day 59/6 was the opening price, and it receded to 58/6, closing with sellers at that price, and buyers at 57/6. The undermost prices of shipping iron are again rather lower.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Deliverable alongside.				
G. M. B., at Glasgow	60/6	58/6	57/6	56/6
Gartsherrie	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Coltness	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Summerlee	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Langloan	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Cumber	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Calder, at Port Dundas	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Beginton	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Dalmellington	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Shotts, at Leith	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Kinnell, at Boness	61/6	59/6	58/6	57/6
Bar Iron	58/6	56/6	55/6	54/6
Nail Rods	59/6	57/6	56/6	55/6

	Tons.
Week ending June 5, 1875.	5,708
June 6, 1874.	5,360
Increase.	3,348
Total increase for 1875.	46,394

## MIDDLESBORO' AND CLEVELAND.

The market in the Cleveland district, of which Middlesboro' is the acknowledged center, has been disorganized during the week, owing to the extent to which several of its firms are mixed up by the Fothergill failure. Uncommon complications are already spoken of, and it is feared that some firms, already not very well able to fight their competitors, will have to go to the wall. Prices of pig iron are easier, in consequence of the great drop in Scotch values.

## THE SHEFFIELD TRADES.

It hardly needed the painful experience of this week to demonstrate that these are indeed trying times, nor were the disasters which have overtaken the Welsh and metropolitan firms any means necessary for the purpose of deepening

the feeling of mistrust which is everywhere prevalent. Persons and firms engaged in the iron trade hereabouts are thoroughly uneasy, and state that they hardly know how to move in order to be and remain safe. The local rumors, too, of which I have recently spoken have—perhaps as a collateral consequence of the gigantic failures announced on Monday afternoon—again become rife, and names are mentioned with so much freedom that there would appear to be some foundation for what is so generally stated. Of that, however, events will be the best judge. Meantime there is an almost total suspension of confidence, even in well known names, and a consequent limitation of business in all branches of trade. Rumors also reach me from certain iron trade sources of an expected great failure in a district much further north than this, the estimated liabilities being stated at seven figures. This, of course, may be but the wilful misrepresentation, or the unintentional exaggeration, to which even good business men may lend themselves at periods such as those when listeners and propagators are but too readily found. In any case, it will be well for commercial men generally if the present crisis passes over without more serious results than those already apparent.

The competition for rail orders is growing keener than ever, and fully justifies what is said of it by the directors of John Brown & Co. Current quotations for steel rails: £23.15 to £24.10; but an instance is mentioned in which a contract has just been placed at a couple of shillings under the former figures.

In other branches of industry I do not hear of any noteworthy change, many departments being irregularly employed. The cast steel trade is fairly well engaged, as also are the engineering, armor plate and edge tool shops, but in hardly any case is activity the rule. The brass and iron foundries are, nevertheless, tolerably busy, much work being on hand at the brass foundries and the stove grate establishments.

The price of fuel continues to go down, but it is by very easy gradation. From a circular issued on June 1st by the Sheffield Coal Company I extract the following quotations: Picked branch, 13/9; best Birley Silstone, 11/9; ditto picked "cubes," as sent to the London market, 12/4; screened Silstone, 6/9; screened secondals, 8/9; coke breeze, 10/; hard (washed) melting coke, 18/; and unscreened slack, 3/; all per ton of 21 cwt. at the pit heads. These figures show reductions varying from 3s. to 10d. per ton.

I have a circular from the Atherton collieries, near Manchester, which give much higher prices than those just enumerated. It quotes best Arley Mine coal at 19/2; best Atherton house coal, at 19/2; Crombonke, 16/8; and the Seven feet coal at 15/ per ton.

An important meeting of the shareholders of Brown, Bayley & Dixon, Limited, was held at the works, Sheffield, on Monday. After an interesting discussion as to the position and prospects of the company, it was agreed to raise £200,000 upon debentures of £15 each, and it was further resolved that the borrowed principal money owing by the company should not at any one time exceed £250,000. The prospects of the concern were stated to be very good.

## SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM.

The iron trade proper of South Staffordshire is still exceedingly quiet, and finished iron prices are a little easier, consequent upon the diminution of business and the paralysis of the market. Bars range from £8.10 to £11; hoops, £10.10 to £12.10; and sheets, £12.10 to £14. Makers of the best brands report themselves well supplied with orders, but the producers of inferior quality are struggling to find buyers. Chains, cables and anchors are firm in price and in good request. Heavy iron washers are reduced 1/ per cwt. at Birmingham, and light are lowered to 60 off list. Common anvils are 23 to 24 per cwt.; "warranted" best, 27; and "best" improved, tied on, 30 to 43. Certain sheet iron goods are advanced by 2½ per cent. discount. Common 13 inch galvanized buckets are 10/6 to 11/6 per dozen, weighing 34 to 36 lbs.; trying pans, 55½ per cent. off list; and shallow galvanized basins, 12 inches, 7/5 per dozen. Some of these prices are considerably shaded for heavy orders, there being an enormous amount of energetic competition in the trade. The wire makers of the district are becoming alarmed at the competition of Belgian and German firms, who are said to be delivering in Birmingham at 10 to 20 per cent. under home prices. Belgian railway spikes are also said to be 45 to 48 under Staffordshire quotations, and American bright headed nuts and bolts are 20 per cent. cheaper. O tempora! O mores!

## THE SOUTH WALES DISTRICT.

The strike being now generally ended, the colliers are again almost universally at work, and, as a natural effect of the increased output, coal is rapidly falling in price. Downfalls have now eleven blast furnaces in operation, and at Tredegar, Ebbw Vale, and other great establishments, the long disused machinery is again getting in motion. The blow inflicted by the failure of Mr. Fothergill is very severe, and will, for a time, greatly limit the producing powers of the locality. Cyfarthfa is not yet fully engaged, nor is it likely to be so; indeed, a further general reduction of wages is by no means unlikely to take place.

## THE METAL MARKETS.

There have been quiet this week, and there has been no very notable alteration in prices. The failure of Mr. Corry, a dealer in copper, early in the week for £200,000, did not very largely affect the market, but there was more caution shown in consequence of the other great stoppages. There are rumors that Australian tin has been "overdone," and that its present price is by no means remunerative to the vendors.

Messrs. Van Daelen & North say: Copper.—Very little business has been reported in Chili bars, pending the advice of the charterers for the last fortnight of May. G. o. b. realize from £22.10 to £23. A small quantity of picked brands, £23.10. Burma nominally, £27.10 to £28; and Wallaroo, £20.10 f. o. b. Tin.—The market has recovered somewhat from its depression, and there are signs of an improved demand. Straits is particularly scarce, the last prices paid were £24. cash, with buyers over. For forward delivery business reported at £23 to £23.10. Australian has advanced from £21 to £23. English remains steady, £20 to £21. The Dutch market unaltered. Banca, 50½; Billiton, 48½. Tin Plates are easier to buy, and for large quantities makers are willing to quote lower prices.

Lead is somewhat easier. Good soft English pig, £22.10 to £22.15; Spanish, 22. 2/6. Spelter.—In the absence of stocks business is most difficult. Silesian common about £24 to £24.5; in out ports, £24.5 to £24.10; English quite nominal. Quicksilver, £12 per bottle.

The Mining Journal has the following remarks: "Copper.—A fair business continues to be transacted for bona fide requirements, but there is still an absence of speculation. The position of the market is unchanged, and the fluctuations in price have been extremely limited. The published statistics show that stocks have undergone very little change and are comparatively light. There will not be much Chili arriving during the next month or two, and should consumption in any degree increase, stocks must further decrease, and prices would probably advance. The Chilean merchants are not likely to overburden us by chartering heavily, as our market is not sufficiently strong to bear large supplies; besides, the price would again yield unless shipments from Chili are on a moderate scale. The Indian demand has fallen off very much, both for copper and yellow metal, but exports to India just now would arrive out of season; probably in a little time orders will be coming forward as usual. The imports from America up to the present time do not amount to much, neither has our market in consequence suffered, and, in the opinion of those best able to judge, is not likely to do so. Whatever the production of America in years to come may do, no one, of course, can say; but so far as regards this year, there is evidently no occasion for needless apprehensions. The demand and supply appear to be pretty equally balanced, and while this is the case, and money keeps cheap, the price will not go back a great deal; but, on the other hand, a little increased consumption would tend to harden prices, and if combined with speculation, would certainly drive up the market considerably. Chili charters were announced on late 'Change at 1900 tons. The repeatedly moderate charters must produce a beneficial effect upon the market, and sellers will no doubt be able to realize higher prices. Our market closes very steady, although at the moment there is very little doing. Burma, £28; buyers, £27.10. Lead.—The market has been easier, and prices of English, as well as Spanish, are somewhat lower; the imports of the latter are rather in excess of previous years. Spelter.—Foreign continues very scarce, the stock in London on June 1st being only 92 tons. The price has advanced, and sellers ask £25. spot, and £24.5 to £24.10 for arrival. Tin.—In tin there has been a variable market, but prices, on the whole, show a hardening tendency. The deliveries are extremely large, but there is such an enormous stock here that the good effect that would otherwise be produced is nearly lost. The difference in the stock is only about 80 tons compared with April. There is less Straits on the way by about £50 to £60 a month ago, but from Australia there is still a large quantity to come in, over 1000 tons. Our market closes firm at £24 for Straits and £22.10 for Australian. Tin Plates.—In the absence of orders sellers are prepared to make slight concessions."

## LATEST LIVERPOOL PRICES ARE THESE:

Iron: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Merchant bar, in Wales	8	7	6	8	12	6
Sheffield bar	8	7	6	8	12	6
Staircase	8	15	0	8	11	15
Hoop	9	15	0	11	10	0
Sheet	11	17	6	12	10	0
Nail rod	9	0	0	9	5	0
Bar best cross	8	15	0	9	0	0
Boiler plates	11	5	0	12	0	0

Tin Plates: f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Charcoal, L. C.	1	14	0	1	17	0
Coke, L. C.	1	8	6	1	6	0

Copper: Delivered in Liverpool, per ton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bolt and Sheathing	85	0	0	85	0	0
File	88	0	0	88	0	0
Tough cast	90	0	0	90	0	0
Best selected	92	0	0	92	0	0

## The Exportation of Iron.

The Philadelphia North American says: When we began to contend for the ability of the United States to export pig iron to foreign countries, the idea was so novel as to startle at once both the free-traders and the protectionists. But being fully satisfied of our ground by a careful examination before we made the declaration, we proceeded to amplify it by asserting that the time would come when the exportation of iron would become as large and reliable a trade as that of wheat or cotton. Acting upon this idea persons both in America and England commenced arrangements for experimental shipments, while some extreme protectionists and free-traders felt themselves in honor bound to dispute the probability of the undertaking. Being satisfied that it was idle to attempt to reason with such a spirit, we took up the official reports of the Bureau of Statistics and showed that, instead of being a probability, the export of iron was an accomplished fact, and that every form of iron was regularly exported.

We will do the iron interests the justice to say that of all our manufacturing departments they were the first to begin the export trade after the inflated values of the war period had given place to lower ones, and to-day the official statistics show conclusively that they have made more actual progress in the export trade than any two other industrial interests combined. In this they have followed the advice we gave them in advance of all others, and in defiance of theorists of both sides, and they have done wisely. But the exportation of raw iron has made slow progress because the manufacturers have been persuaded that it is better to attempt to build up more advanced forms of the iron industry. Still we have at length the evidence in the Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association that the export is permanently established. In the year 1872 the export of pig iron was 1477 net tons; in 1873 it was 10,104 net tons, in 1874 it was 16,039 net tons. The Bulletin does not give the statistics of the other raw forms of iron. But this will do, and we think our readers will agree with us that the figures fully sustain us, and indicate a growth of the export trade that is full of promise. During the same years the imports of foreign pig iron were: in 1872, 295,967 net tons; in 1873, 154,708 net tons; in 1874, 62,165 net tons. Thus while the domestic exports were increasing the foreign imports were diminishing with amazing rapidity.

Evidently the true method to break the determination to flood the American market with foreign iron had been discovered; that is to

attack the enemy at his own door, for how could the English shipments flourish with the spectacle before the eyes of the English iron men of American pig iron becoming a reliable export? We have no idea that the foreign imported pig iron will entirely disappear for many years to come. There are certain kinds of foreign pig that the American manufacturers think useful to mix with the domestic iron, and the vagaries of commerce are so inexplicable that we import foreign articles of all kinds that are no better or cheaper than we make at home. But the one fact for which we contend is, that the true key to the permanence of our iron trade lies in the building up of a great iron export trade, which will operate as a relief to our domestic markets.

It is better to do this than to export enormous quantities of breadstuffs and provisions and get but little money for them. If we make up our minds to export all the raw products of our industry as fast as we can find foreign markets for them the furnaces will not be idle, the labor and capital will find employment, and the consumption of breadstuffs and provisions at home will leave less for export. Bread and meat converted into iron will bring us a better return than would the wheat shipped in bulk and the meat in gross. The Iron and Steel Bulletin estimates that at the close of 1874 we had on hand one million of tons of domestic pig iron, which was far beyond our wants or probable consumption. If one fifth of this were exported to various foreign markets the trade at home would be benefited. The necessity for some such measure as this is seen in the admission of the Bulletin, that as early as the beginning of June, 1873, it was discovered that the production was outrunning consumption, and in that month a convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a resolution recommending that production be restricted. This was so far done that of 665 furnaces 232 went out of blast before the close of the year. Still times did not improve, and on the 1st of February, 1874, of 701 completed furnaces 398 were out of blast.

Those who adopted the resolution did not seem to take into consideration the fact that, while the old furnaces were thus idle new ones were constantly being built. Thus the number of new furnaces built was 41 in 1872; 50 in 1873; 38 in 1874; and 46 in 1875, with many more projected. To be more specific, the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri reduced their production in 1874, while the States of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, West Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan increased. It is manifest that this sort of management will never relieve the trade. Some States appear to watch their opportunity and push ahead whenever others stop. Hence we say emphatically that as a means of improving the trade stoppage of furnaces is a failure, and that some other method must be adopted. The method we have believed to be the exportation of pig iron to foreign markets wherever it can be done to any advantage at all. The English regulate their own markets by shipping the surplus to foreign markets. We must do the same. It is now a well established fact that there is in England a good and profitable market for all the charcoal iron we can export. And the superior quality of most of our American iron is such that we have no doubt if it were exported in sufficient quantities it would be as much preferred in England as American cotton is to Indian cotton. Everybody here seems to be deluded by the question of prices and cheapness, and entirely to lose sight of the superior tensile qualities of our iron, now fully known and recognized in England. The prevalent opinion in that country, especially among iron men, is that ultimately England must be dependent upon the United States for her supply of raw iron as she is for breadstuffs and provisions. And we are sometimes tempted to think it our own fault that it is not so already. We must go to work and make our foreign markets a means of relief to the domestic markets.

## Remarkable Work in Silver.

A London paper, *Iron*, gives the following interesting description of some rare specimens of the silversmith's art lately sold in this city: The series amply illustrated the application of the silversmith's art to the purposes of domestic use and the ornament of the dressoir in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, from the plain old English rat-tailed spoon, of which there were many most quaint and curious specimens, to the grand old baronial salts, the tall cups and noble beakers, the stoups, peg tanks, and the rare mazer bowls. Among them was a beautiful silver gilt ewer, profusely ornamented with Elizabethan repousse work of fruit, foliage, and marine monsters, which is pronounced the finest piece of English goldsmith's work for form and design ever submitted to competition. This very noble piece stands about 16 inches high, and bears the hall mark, quite distinct and perfect, of the Lombard capital M, which gives the date of 1609—time of James I. The spoons formed an exceedingly curious and interesting feature in the collection. There were enough of the various patterns to furnish forth several tables in complete antique style—such as the quaint old flat-handled, broad-bowled rat-tails, so called from the tail shaped ornament on the back of the bowl; or the seal-headed spoons, most of which bore initials on the seal with the date, and one of which was unique, being all gilt and bearing the date mark S (Roman capital), which proves its pedigree from the year 1565 of Elizabeth. Then there were the superb Apostle spoons, some of foreign make, but the best of English work. Still rarer and more beautiful in the work were two spoons of foreign make, called

trade spoons, each bearing a figure relating to the profession of the owner—one an archer with a bow and arrow; the other, a carpenter at work, the shank being finely twisted and embossed with a grotesque head and Judith holding a sword and the head of Holofernes. This last was made at Mayence. None, however, were more interesting for the distinctive character of the work than the Danish and Icelandic spoons. In all of these we notice the clever adaptation of natural forms for ornament; the scallop shell or the fir cone being carved upon the top of the shank, and in others cable work ornaments the handle. The betrothal spoons of Copenhagen work, 1667, with the initials enclosed by a wreath, and the letters S and D, to denote "son" and "daughter," were very interesting. Three spoons of old Icelandic work date much earlier, probably, and were excellent in point of design and work.

The saltcellars were especially noticeable as by far the finest of any not belonging to the ancient colleges and halls. First among these were the four grand old salts, once the property of the Society of Serjeants' Inn, known so long ago as the Fire of London as "the old salts," the set consisting originally of five, the top salt having been bought by Mrs. Abbott Lawrence, and now in America. These are of plain silver, nearly 4 inches high, circular in plan, and in form a sort of dwarf hour-glass shape, 5½ inches diameter at the base. They have lost the date mark by long cleaning, but "Her Majesty's Lyon" remains on the under surface, so that they are not earlier than 1550. The "Bacon saltcellar" is a tall salt, parcel-gilt, and profusely ornamented with excellent Tudor work in fruit, foliage and dolphins, and on the foot is engraved, in Lombardic characters, "Nicholas Bacon, 1566." It bears hall mark 1553, and measures 7½ inches high. Nicholas Bacon was the famous Lord Keeper, the father of Francis Bacon. Another salt of unique design and excellent work, of the early seventeenth century, was a double, high-standing saltcellar, in silver, the body cylindrical, with a cover ending in a pinnace, and supported by four chimerae on griffin's legs, the rim enriched with Elizabethan borders, standing about 15 inches high. This very elegant piece bears the London hall mark 1620. There were two mazer bowls in the collection, one made of the maple wood, from which the bowl is thought to take its name, the tree being called "maeser" in Dutch, and "masarn" in Celtic, while Spencer in the "Shepherd's Calendar," alludes to the mazer bowl "y wrought of the maple warre." The other was of silver, and considered to be Irish work of the fifteenth century. This was a bulbous bowl, ornamented with punched work, having two handles and eight bulbs, and is a very curious example. The wooden bowl resembles the two belonging to All Souls College, Oxford, which are known to be of the fifteenth century, as the gift of Archbishop Chichele, 1413. It is ornamented with a rim of silver, in dancette work, having a boss inside, on which is engraved a warrior's head with helmet. The date is considered to be the end of the fourteenth or beginning of the fifteenth century. This most rare and interesting object was actually found in a small village shop in Norfolk, where it had long been used as a money box.

The Valentine Iron Works, at Williamsport, Pa., have been in operation several days. They are at present running on small bar iron and wire, employing about 35 men. The pig iron used is from Western Virginia.

We call the attention of parties desiring the services of a patent agent to the card of Burke & Fraser in another column.

## London Metal Market.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Copper—100 lb.	8	0	0	8	0	0
Spelter—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Lead—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Iron—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Steel—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Aluminum—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Gold—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Silver—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Platinum—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0
Palladium—100 lb.	10	0	0	10	0	0



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Iron Making in the Hudson River Valley.

The following communication will be read with interest. If our correspondent is in error in his statement or estimates we hope some of our readers will set him right through our columns:

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: Noticing an article in a late issue of your really valuable paper, headed "How cheaply can iron be made in the United States?" and giving a statement as to the cost of production in the Kanawha Valley, which is claimed to be only \$17.50—certainly very low, much lower in fact than it is now being produced generally elsewhere in this country—your correspondent closes his article by asking the question, "Is there any locality in the United States that can make a better exhibit?" I answer yes; there is one point in this country, and that, too, in the Hudson River Valley, where when produced the iron will be in the market, without transportation, where it can be manufactured for considerably less than the price named.

The Hudson River Spathe Iron Ore Company have immense and really inexhaustible deposits of spathe ore—same as is used in various parts of Austria and Germany for producing natural steel and speiseisen—only about a half a mile from the Hudson River, which I understand is to be put into pig on their own property, they having purchased fifty acres of land on the shore for the erection of furnaces, and about half a mile of water front extending out 600 feet into the river to the channel bank, which will afford them all the dumping room for all the clinker produced for many years to come. Figures have been made by some members of the company, who are practical iron masters, with large and successful experience, as to the actual cost of producing pig at this location, and the figures and items are as follows, viz:

2½ tons of ore at furnace.....	\$2.81
1½ tons of coal.....	6.75
500 lbs. limestone.....	5.00
Labor, interest and incidentals.....	5.00

Total cost of 1 ton pig.....\$15.06

Now, let us examine the items, and see if their figures are correct. Their ore is of several varieties, occurring in the same beds, viz., a brown hematite, really an altered spathe changed by the elements; a gray ore, which is a true spathe; and one from 3 to 12 inches thick, and a slate ore variable in thickness and rich in lime—in all about 30 feet breast of solid ore, which can be quarried out like stone, and which requires no washing to free it from pebbles or dirt, consequently it can be produced very cheaply.

The ore will yield practically in the furnace, without roasting, about 43 per cent. of iron, they call it 40 per cent.; roasted it will yield over 53 per cent. of metal, so that 2½ tons will be ample for a ton of iron. The ore being well supplied by nature with lime, will require but little of that material to flux it, beside the company have immense ledges of limestone on their own property, in close proximity to the ore, and the quantity necessary will not cost them any more, if as much, as the price named. As for the coal, it will not cost them any higher than the amount stated, as their furnaces will be situated almost opposite the terminus of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, and the coal can be brought from that point, and all the other coal depots, directly to the works by water transportation. As for the quantity required, namely, 1½ tons to a ton of iron, it will be sufficient, as their ores smelt very readily, requiring less fuel than any other iron ore in use. And now as to the item of \$5 per ton for labor, &c. The company propose building two or more stacks, and their product will be not less than 80 tons of metal per diem; that being the case, the estimate of \$5 per ton is ample. From the above analysis of the various items there is no doubt but iron can be made at the point indicated at the cost stated.

The writer has contended for years that the valley of the Hudson River was the place above all others in this country to produce iron profitably, for the reasons of the close proximity of the magnetic ores of the Highlands and Lake Champlain, and the rich brown oxides of Duchess and Columbia counties, and also the direct lines of communication to the coal fields, as well as for the reason that when the iron is produced there will be no need of miles of transportation to market, as there will be a ready demand for all the furnaces can produce right at their own doors, at a lower price and at a greater profit than can be expected from iron made in the interior. Conversing upon this subject not long since with one of the largest and most successful iron manufacturers, he freely admitted that the Hudson River Valley was the best place to make iron cheaply and profitably, and further said if he could transplant his furnaces from their present situation on the Lehigh to the Hudson River, he would gladly do so at once, but he had too much capital invested at that point to warrant such a change at present. The fact is, and it is being pretty generally admitted, that the future of the iron business of this country demands that furnaces be located where stock, ore, coal and limestone, &c., can be had cheaply and daily throughout the year, so that it will not be necessary to carry a six months' stock, and where there will be a constant demand for the furnace product without shipment over long lines of transportation to find a market.

The Hudson River Valley possesses all the requisites. The supply of ores, consisting of magnetite, hematite, carbonate and spathe, is abundant now, and yet they are only partially developed, and the proper fluxes, as well as the coal, is very convenient, and the time will come, and is not in the far future, when the bulk of the iron produced and consumed in the Middle

and Eastern States will be made in this valley between Troy and New York city.

VULCAN.

## Zinc Poisoning from Galvanized Iron.

The frequent and almost daily inquiries at this office in regard to zinc poisoning, galvanized pipes, and the use of sheet zinc for lining tanks, lead us to bring together in an article some of the more important facts in regard to zinc poisoning.

There has been all over the country a certain feeling of safety in the use of iron pipes, cisterns and cooking utensils which were covered with zinc, or as it is called, galvanized. This arose from the fact that iron was a safe metal to use for such purposes, and as zinc protected the iron from corrosion it was at once assumed that there was no further danger from any source. A more dangerous error could not exist. In many cases an apparent indifference in regard to the results seems to exist, which arose probably in part from the circumstance that the galvanized pipe had come into use for water conduction so rapidly and quietly that it was not generally known, among those competent to judge of its character, that it was being extensively employed; and also a popular idea has prevailed, and unfortunately still prevails to some extent, that the salts of zinc are not specially poisonous to the human system. Where or how this idea originated, it is difficult to understand. In small quantities they produce nausea, in larger they produce vomiting, with violent retching and great cerebral distress.

The protoxide and carbonate of zinc are the salts most commonly found in waters passing through galvanized iron pipes. The power of these substances as poisons is illustrated by the fact that fifteen grains of the protoxide, given daily to a dog, soon made the animal ill, and killed it in less than a week. Painters who use, and manufacturers who make oxide of zinc, suffer from its poisonous effects. It produces a colic, resembling that caused by lead, and which is known as *zinc colic*.

By far the most common compounds of zinc found in water which has passed through galvanized iron pipes are the protoxide, and the carbonate of the protoxide. These usually make their appearance in a few hours after water is first drawn from the pipes, and they continue to form so long as any zinc remains upon the interior.

As the processes of manufacture improved the coating of zinc upon pipes has been made thicker, and now the zinc has a considerable body, which, of course, greatly enhances the danger, as it affords a longer time for the coating to be removed, and the poisoning effects are protracted.

The editor of one of our scientific journals, in speaking of this subject, says: "We have in several instances had brought to us, for chemical examination, a whitish powder, alleged to have been taken from joints in the galvanized pipes, which we found, upon analysis, to be carbonate of zinc mixed with a little sesqui-oxide of iron. In one instance, nearly half an ounce of this salt was scraped from the interior of a galvanized pipe of 60 feet in extent. This powder, in minute quantities, produces exceedingly disagreeable effects upon the stomach and bowels—indeed, upon the whole system. We took half a grain in the evening an hour before retiring, and passed a very uncomfortable night. The disturbance is not alone confined to the digestive and assimilating organs, but all the secretions become affected, and a persistent metallic taste remains for a day or two. We are led to think that this mixed carbonate of zinc, formed under peculiar circumstances in water and in the presence of organic matter, is different from calamine, or the impure carbonate of zinc of commerce, and a more potent poison."

Near Boston cases of zinc poisoning from the use of galvanized iron pipes have been frequent. A single physician had no less than six cases under his care within the space of a few months. Dr. J. H. Smith, of Melrose, Mass., gives some particulars of a case of zinc poisoning which is of value in showing the character of the symptoms, and the extreme danger attending the use of zinc in connection with drinking water. He says, in a report on the case:

"I beg leave to submit the following cases occurring in my practice: Mr. W. P. Sargent, chairman of the Board of Spot Pond Water Commissioners in this town (Melrose), connected his well and a force pump in the kitchen with upward of 70 feet of 1½ inch galvanized iron pipe; and to facilitate the working of the pump, a large reservoir constructed of galvanized iron was placed near to it. Without entering into the details of the minor ailments of the family during the past twelve months, obviously resulting from zinc poisoning, but which were not sufficiently alarming to be brought to the notice of the physician, it may be stated that in November last the two daughters were seized with a peculiar and persistent inflammation of the throat, with extensive ulceration of the throat. While convalescing, the youngest, aged 5½ years, began to present indications of some unusual derangement of the nervous system. On waking in the morning, for about ten days, there was entire inability to move the head and limbs, with extreme sensibility of the whole surface to contact. For 24 hours severe crampy condition, symptoms of paralysis of certain nerves continued. In the evening there was inability to support the head, great emaciation, complexion bluish white. On the 15th of December, from the general correspondence of the symptoms with the records of zinc poisoning, the diagnosis and treatment became clear. On the same day the only son, aged 13, a very delicate child, was indisposed from what had been thought a cold. On Friday, the 16th, he was no better, but dressed and lying on the sofa. Complained of occa-

sional pain on rising, continual nausea and entire loss of appetite, with disgust at the sight of food. Sunday morning, vomiting of bile, and indications of intense nausea. There was absence of pain or complaint to the hour of his death. Only milk was retained, of which a little was taken at intervals. Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock he died very suddenly, soon after passing about a gill of disorganized blood at stool. There was slight thirst before death, and faintness." A *post-mortem* examination, made by Dr. G. M. Pease, of Boston, and others, confirmed the opinion that the action of the zinc on the nervous centers, inducing paralysis of the heart, was the immediate cause of death.

Dr. Chas. T. Jackson, at that time State Assayer, reported: "The water from Mr. Sargent's pump is charged with a very large quantity of the oxide of zinc and a little iron," and that "the zinc renders the water dangerous to health." At the time of his analysis the Doctor was not only ignorant of the sickness in Mr. Sargent's family, but also of the source and medium of conduction of the water.

The Doctor, among other cases of less interest, makes brief mention of the following: "A gentleman while drinking water conducted by a galvanized iron pipe only 30 feet long, had constant dull frontal headache, with occasional attacks of vertigo, preceded by sharp pressure at the root of the nose, and a sensation of drawing together of the eyes, followed immediately by nausea, faintness, and trembling of the hands and weakness of the legs. Examination of the pipe, ordered to be removed from the well, showed a thick incrustation, throughout its whole inside, of a white substance on uncorroded iron, with no traces of its metallic zinc covering. This white powder, analyzed by Dr. J. R. Nichols, chemist of Boston, was found to consist of carbonate of zinc with a little oxide of iron. This pipe was put in position about six years ago, and more or less water which passed through it has been used in the family."

He remarks in conclusion, "these cases, with many others occurring in this vicinity, show that zinc is a slow but fatal poison, when introduced into the system through the medium of water, and will serve to put families on their guard against the use of water flowing through galvanized iron pipes."

A gentleman residing at Sturgis, Michigan, a physician, gives the following account of the manner in which a comparatively short length of galvanized pipe produced symptoms of zinc poisoning in a whole family. He says: "I have in my house a water cistern holding one hundred barrels or more. In the bottom of the cistern is a filter, through which the water has to pass before entering a small cistern where the pump is. I then made use of a galvanized iron pipe, thirteen feet in length, attached to the pump through which we procured the water used for culinary and drinking purposes. In the spring of 1870, the first ill effects were noticed, which were manifested by a continuous dull pain across the forehead, over the frontal sinuses, accompanied with extreme sensibility of the cartilage of the ear and nose, so severe that the least friction or bending of the ear or the nasal cartilage would cause acute pain. Then came stiffness of the joints, with sharp, lancinating pains above the joints, always transverse, not lengthways of the limb. Pressure on the joints produced soreness and pricking pains, which would last for some minutes."

"This was continued until about the first of September, 1870, when I thought the trouble might in some way be connected with the use of cistern water. I then had my cisterns cleaned and washed, leaving the zinc pipe, which on the outside did not appear to be much corroded."

"We now closed our house, leaving the conducting pipes so as to carry the water into the larger cistern. We were absent one month, or until the 8th day of November. During our absence the bad symptoms nearly all disappeared, and we considered ourselves quite well. "In our absence sufficient rain had fallen to fill the cisterns more than half full, and the water appeared very pure. We now began to use the water for all purposes again; and in about one week the old pains and troubles returned with increased violence; and in addition, a severe pain in the region of the heart was experienced, with a slight swelling externally, and great tenderness over the cardiac region."

"I now became convinced that we were suffering under the influence of some slow poison; and that probably it was due to the oxide of zinc found in the galvanized water pipe. From this time we discontinued the use of the cistern water, and in a short time we both began gradually to improve in health, and now consider ourselves well, with the exception of a slight stiffness of the knee joints."

"On removing the pipe from the cistern it was found corroded, and the zinc covering removed. The portion immersed in water was corroded in a spiral form, and so far oxidized that a portion fell off upon exposure to air."

In England, in the vicinity of Lancashire, zinc has been used for milk pans, and at first they were much liked as the cream separated from the milk very easily in them, and hence rose quickly. But the zinc was quickly and constantly corroded by the acids of both milk and cream, and the zinc salt found its way into the butter; many persons were made sick, and, being attacked in a peculiar manner, the cause of the disease was traced to the use of the butter contaminated with the zinc salts. A number of the cases were fatal. The public authorities, when the cause was ascertained, interfered, and prohibited the use of zinc milk pans under a severe penalty.

Dr. J. R. Bronson, of Boston, gives a very interesting history of a lady who was nearly killed by the poison of galvanized water pipes. He says, "a galvanized submerged pump, from

which all the water used on the premises was drawn, was examined on suspicion, and its condition inspected. The zinc coating over a portion of the surface had been entirely removed, and over the remainder was thoroughly corroded so as to be easily removed with the finger, and after drying deposited a fine white powder, which I considered carbonate of zinc. The lady continued in a critical condition for several days. I was enabled, by active, efficient means, to improve the heart's action speedily, but the nausea and distress at stomach and glandular mucous secretions were obstinate in yielding to means administered; the power to use and control the lower extremities continued to embarrass her exceedingly for six weeks." Dr. Bronson adds:

"I was incredulous somewhat in regard to the alleged danger of galvanized iron in water conduction, having never before seen a case where I could trace any effect from its action, and, in short, did not comprehend so fully the situation as a subsequent study of the subject has convinced me its importance demands. I have since treated a case entirely unlike the aforesaid, both so far as the physical condition of the patient, and the effects as manifested thereupon are concerned, which I will report at an early day."

It sometimes happens that where galvanized pipes are used, severe cases of sore mouths occur, differing from common canker in having more severe and extended inflammation. The immediate cause seems to be the formation of a chloride of zinc in the water. This is very caustic and produces symptoms of this kind even when taken in small doses.

As long ago as 1868, Doctor Charles T. Jackson, wrote the following in answer to a letter of inquiry:

"In reply to your note of this day, asking my opinion of the merits of galvanized iron pipes for water conducts, I would say that the iron is protected by the more ready oxidation of the zinc, and that the oxide of zinc is largely dissolved by water, rendering it unwholesome. In several instances I have detected large proportions of oxide of zinc in water that has remained over night in galvanized iron pipes and, in one instance, a gentleman who brought me such water said it produced in him much nausea. The water analyzed was found to be highly charged with oxide of zinc. It is well known that when zinc covered roofs were first introduced in Boston, and rain water from them was used for washing, that the washerwomen complained that the water made the skin of their hands crack, and that the rain water from zinc roofs was hard and decomposed the soap. It is also known that the French government has recently forbidden the use of galvanized iron water tanks in their ships of war, on account of the injurious effect of the dissolved zinc on the health of the men. All this shows that the galvanized iron pipe is not suitable for water conducts."

"C. T. JACKSON, M. D. State Assayer." Mr. R. Rawlinson, before a Royal Commission, testified as follows in regard to zinc lined pipes:

"Galvanized iron pipes are not to be recommended. They cost forty to fifty per cent. more than plain pipes, and the galvanizing is a delusion. If the pipes are laid in subsoils which will act upon iron, the galvanizing affords no protection against that action, and there are soils which will rapidly eat away, either iron or lead. If you examine a galvanized iron pipe under a microscope, you will find that it is not an even coating; it is freckled, and there are interstices where oxidation sets up, and then the galvanizing is blistered off; it does not improve, and, even so far as it does cover it, I doubt very much whether it preserves it; it is not stronger in its texture, and it certainly does not last longer; that is my experience."

*Dingler's Polytechnic Journal* (German) says that zinc tanks and roofs "invariably and rapidly contaminate water with which they come in contact, by the formation of soluble salts of the metal, which are exceedingly poisonous." It recommends that zinc surfaces thus exposed to the action of water should be covered with a coating of asphalt varnish. The warning and the recommendation are endorsed by the *London Chemical News*, another journal of equally high authority. Of course, the danger from zinc as a coating of iron tanks and pipes is even greater, on account of the galvanic action.

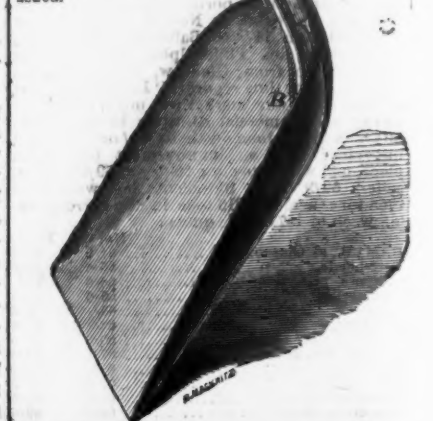
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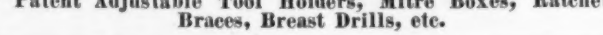
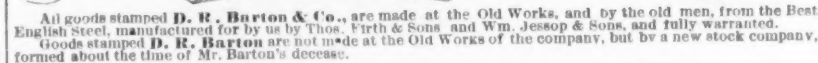
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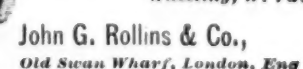
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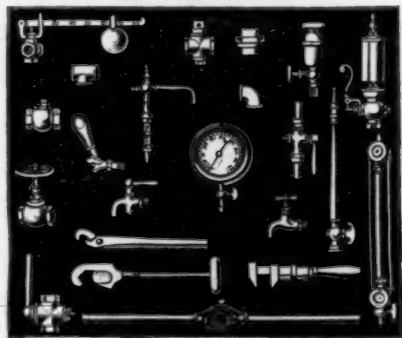
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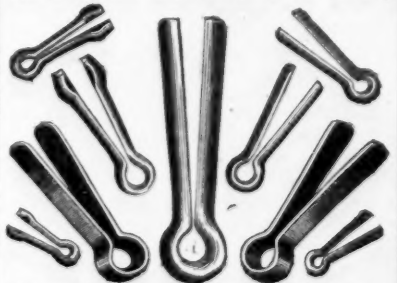
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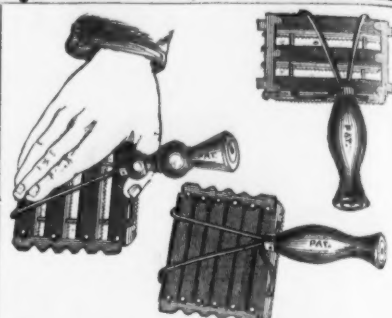
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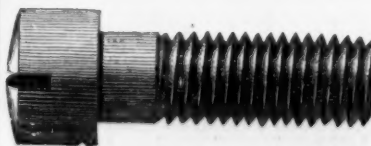
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Dr. Anderson, in his lecture on "Tools," lately delivered at Manchester, England, said:

When we think of any sort of material beyond the working treatment of their mechanical properties, we seem to be in another world. Take, for example, a piece of common wrought iron. It seems to us as of the earth earthy, but if we are closely questioned in regard to the reason for its various properties, we find that we scarcely know anything. Tracing it from the ore through its various stages until it is in the hands of the smith is comparatively easy. We know the natural law that governs its elasticity, the limit of its elasticity, its ultimate strength; that it can be welded; that it is ductile, and can be drawn out into a fine wire; that it is malleable, and can be spread out into a sheet, or worked round from the sheet into a goblet, and may be gathered back again, if by so doing it served any useful purpose; but when we think of the marvelous changes which have taken place amongst its molecules during the operation, we are lost in wonderland. To many minds the piece of cold iron seems to be a solid; under the pressure of the testing machine it is shown to be an unstable fluid. When the smith has the misfortune to leave a piece too long in the fire, it vanishes; it has found evil companions, and gone off under an assumed name and a new character. When a piece of iron is broken and carefully examined under a microscope, we can see that it is composed of fine crystals; but these crystals, we are told, are composed of innumerable molecules, which are not to be seen by the microscope, being smaller than the human mind can imagine; still, the smith feels himself under their influence. In homely words he speaks of the iron being "red-short" or "cold-short," without thinking that he is on the threshold of some of the impenetrable secrets of nature. The steel maker can take advantage of the molecular properties. With heat he can push them asunder and infuse amongst them the subtle vapor of carbon, and the iron becomes steel, highly improved in most of its mechanical properties, and with an increase of strength and elasticity. It may be inferred that each iron molecule is a little world in itself, surrounded with a thin wrapping of infinite space, no single molecule being in actual contact with any other molecule. We have reached the limit of sub-division, so far as the engineer dare venture. The investigating philosopher, however, ventures much further with his speculations; he tries vainly to penetrate into the supposed ultimate atoms of matter of which the molecules are composed, but further we need not follow. Suffice to say that a piece of common wrought iron is altogether a mystery, and teaches man the lesson of humility.

## Canadian Manufactures of Iron.

The following statistics of Canadian manufactures of iron are compiled from the Dominion census of 1870-'71:

Industries.	Number of Establishments.	Hands employed.	Total value of products.	Value of iron and steel.
Agricultural implements.....	252	2,415	\$256,058	\$89,347
Blacksmithing.....	6,775	9,818	\$217,222	1,509,406
Foundries and machine working.....	430	7,093	\$2,429,615	2,427,623
Tin and sheet iron working.....	793	2,102	\$98,460	1,183,561
Edge tool manufactures.....	44	863	\$145,154	134,205
Boiler making.....	16	324	\$6,125	\$87,900
Engine building.....	12	896	\$85,261	\$12,808
Gun making.....	29	42	\$1,422	\$711
Saw and file cutting.....	11	149	\$2,445	\$76,328
Bel foundries.....	8	17	\$5,900	\$5,000
Spike and railway chair factory.....	1	36	\$18,700	\$48,000
Cutlery.....	8	9	\$3,109	\$3,100
Spring and axle factories.....	7	147	\$1,000	\$7,800
Fittings and fluid work in brass, iron, lead, etc.....	76	879	\$76,868	\$74,824
Slake factory.....	1	45	\$8,000	\$8,000
Iron smelting furnaces and steel making.....	6	609	\$125,000	\$2,100
Lead pipe works.....	1	25	\$5,500	\$6,000
Mathematical instrument making.....	4	13	\$4,200	\$1,000
Nail and tack factories.....	15	495	\$191,870	\$708,580
Railway car factories.....	5	175	\$1,000	\$200,000
Rivet factory.....	1	13	\$4,000	\$2,000
Rolling mill.....	644	241,500	\$1,000,000	\$1,600,000
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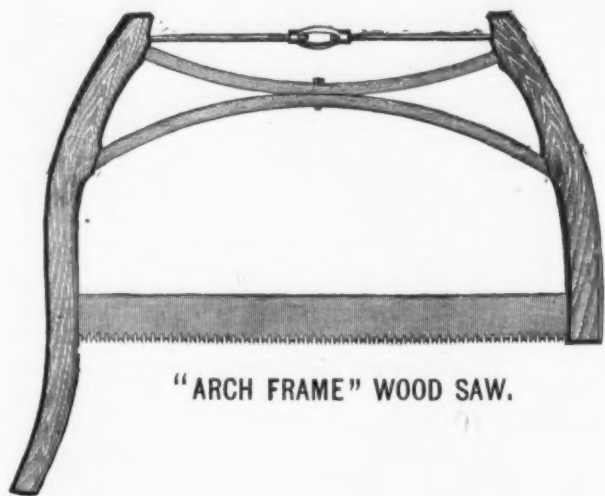


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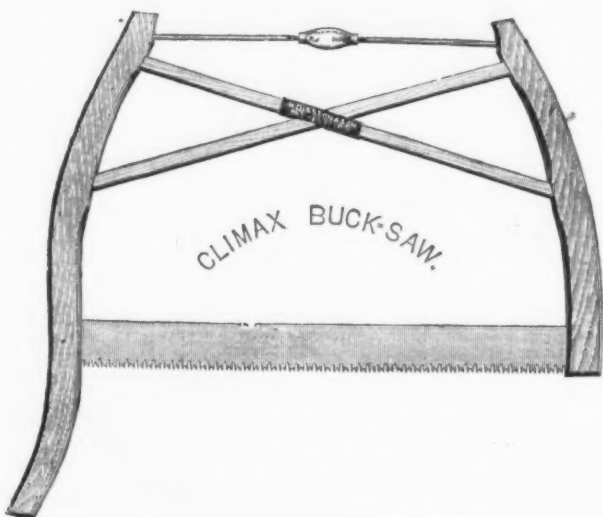
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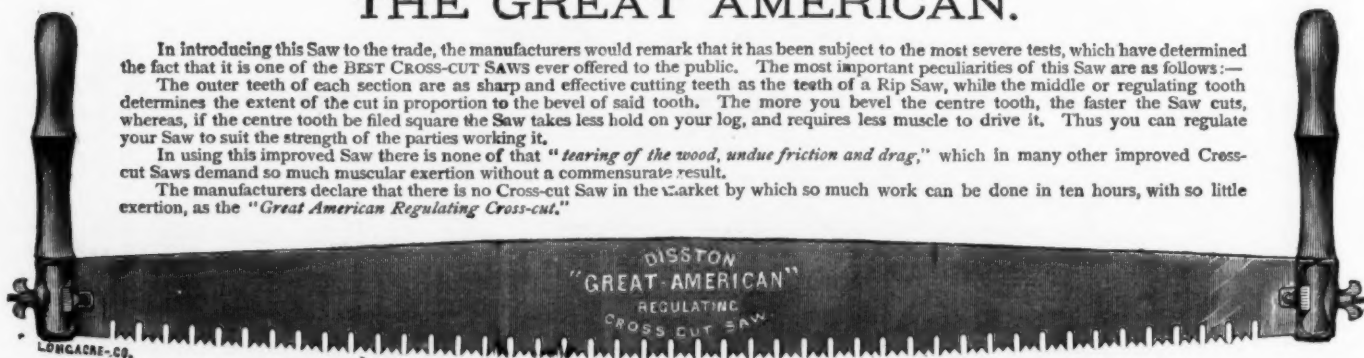
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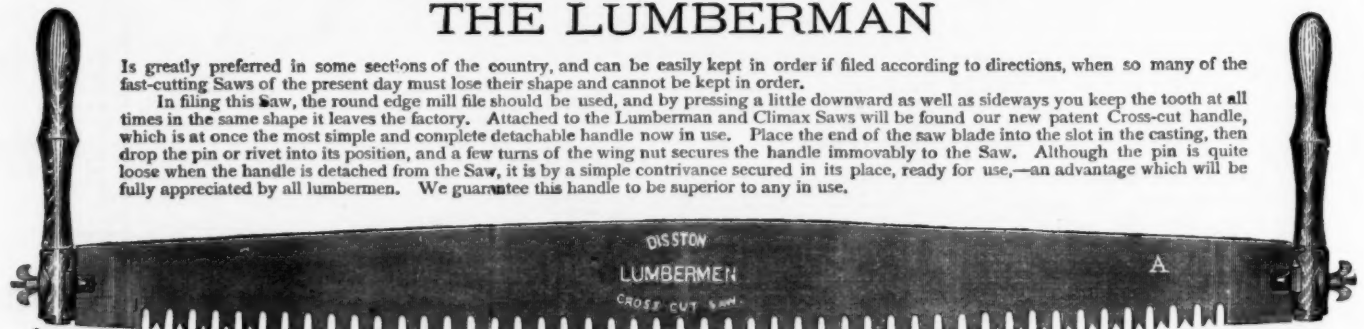
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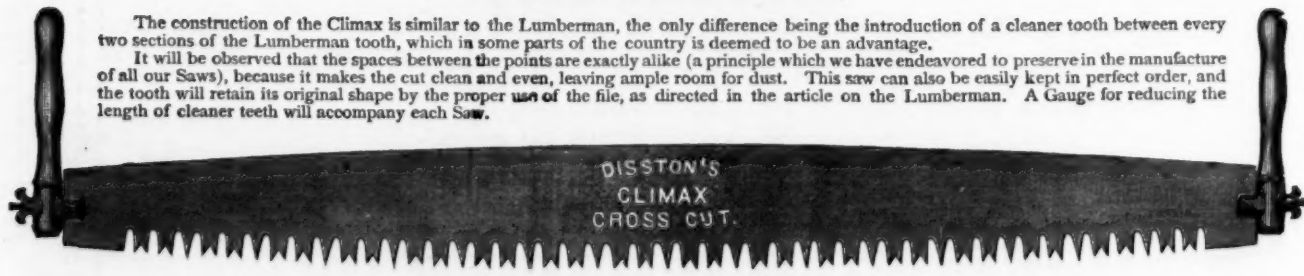
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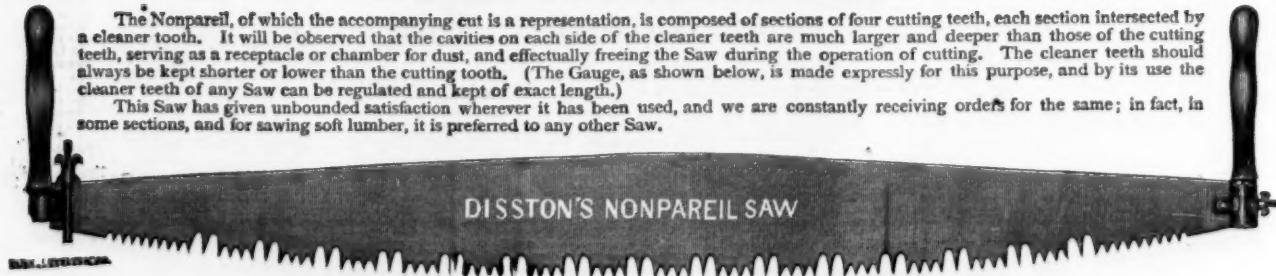
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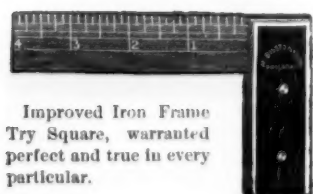
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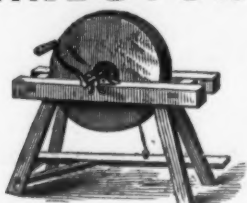
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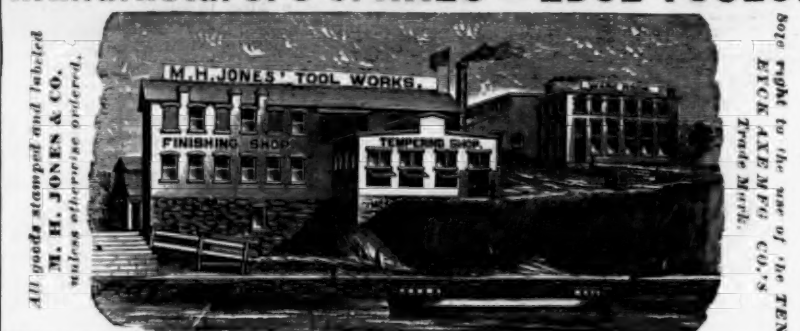
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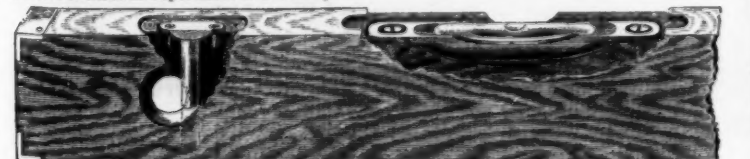
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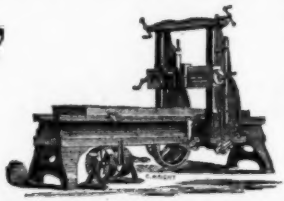
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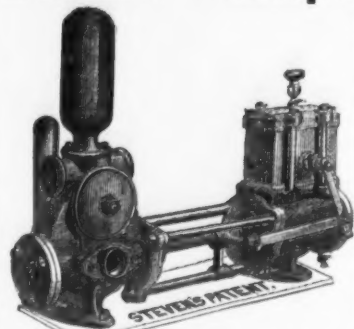
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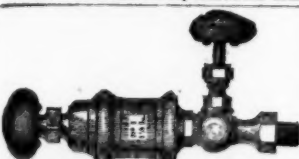
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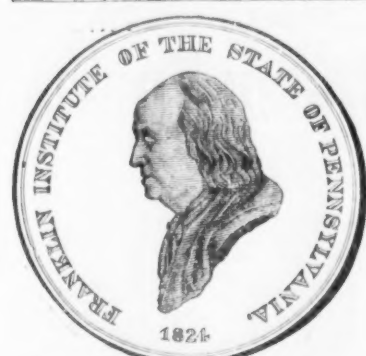
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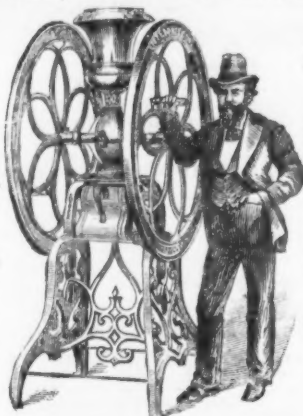




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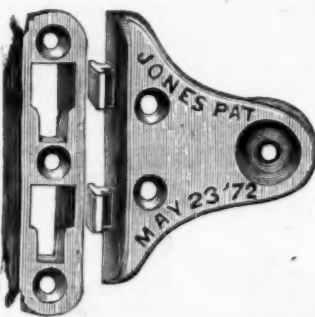
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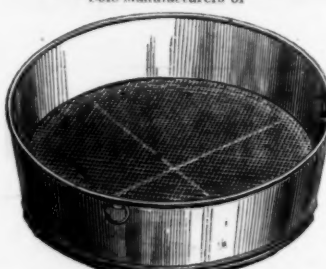
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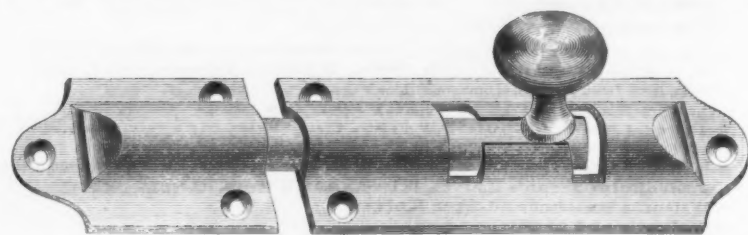
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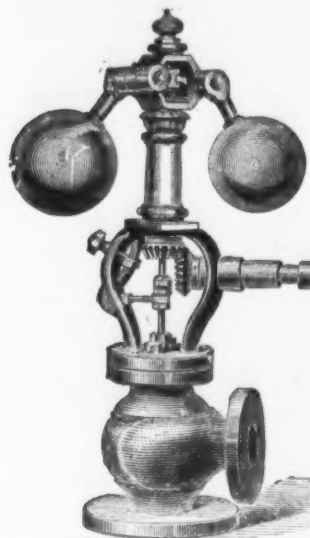
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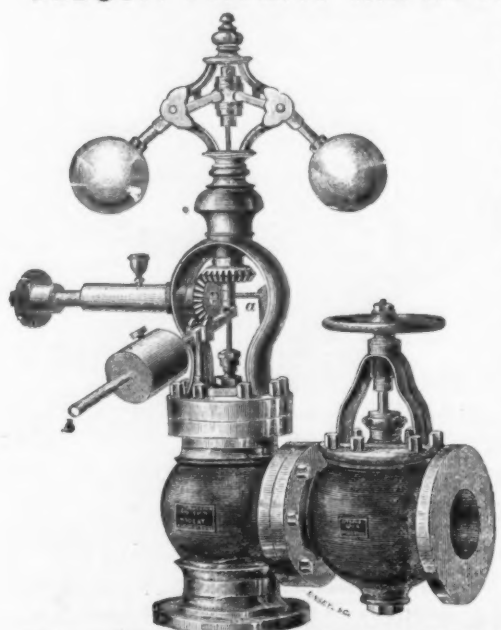
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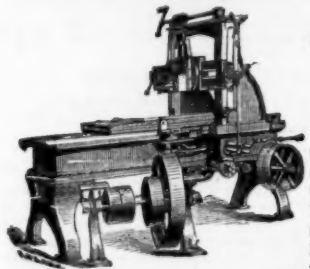
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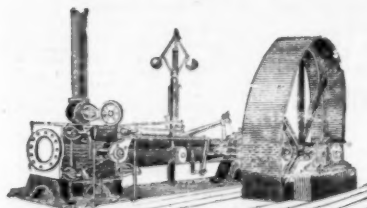
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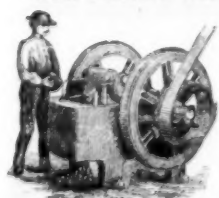
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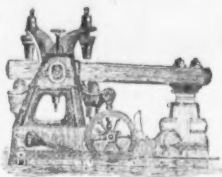
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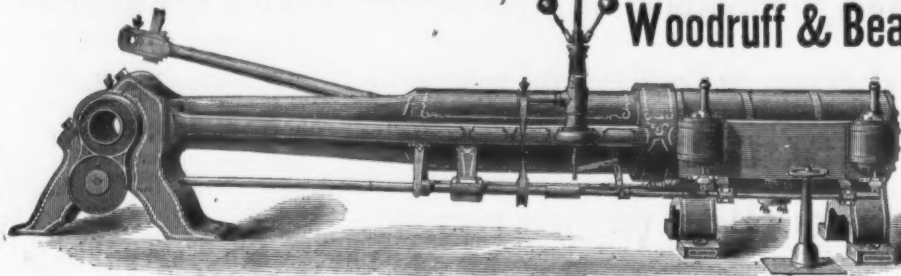
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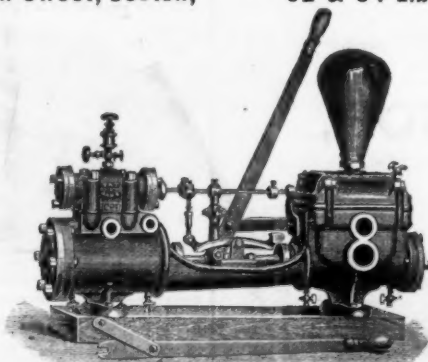
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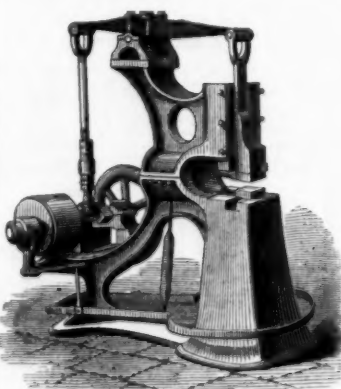
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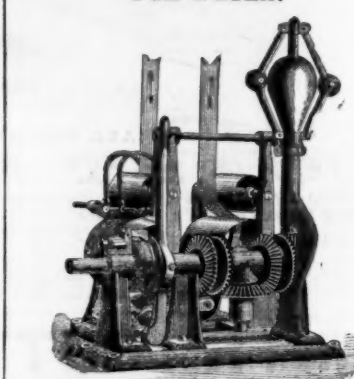
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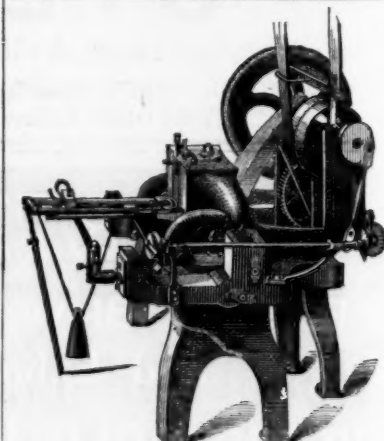


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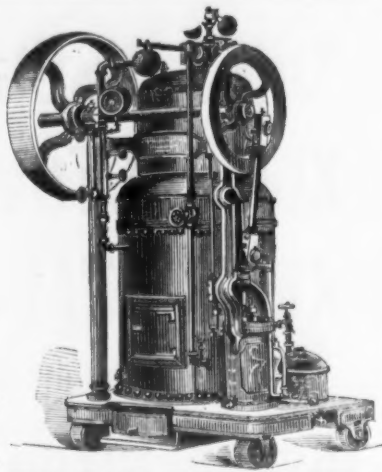
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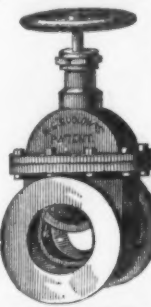
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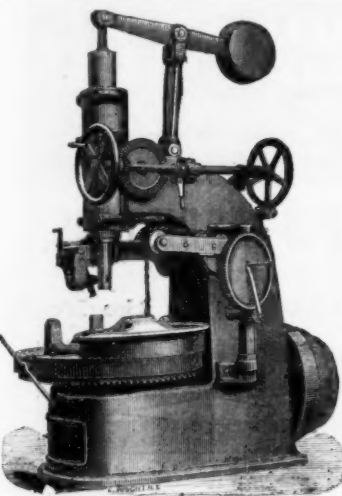
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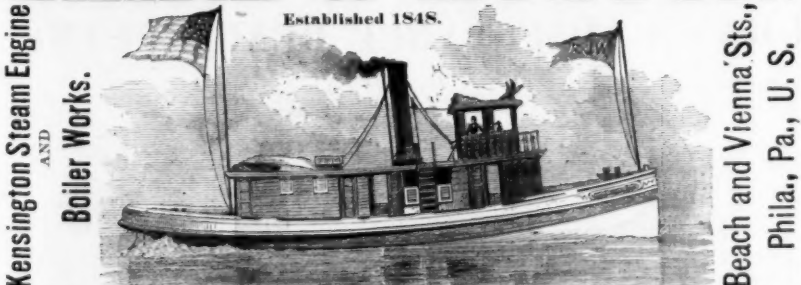
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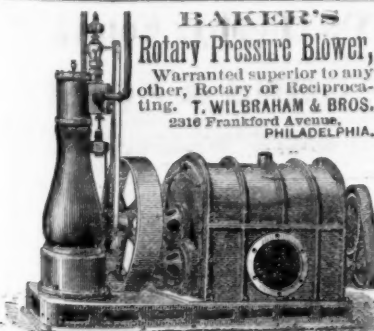
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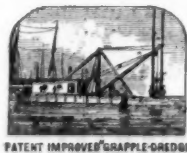
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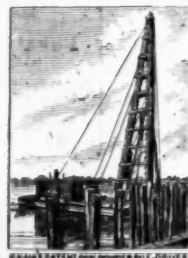
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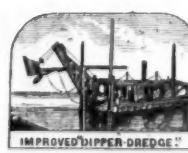
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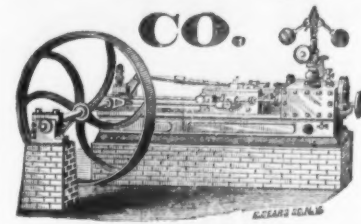
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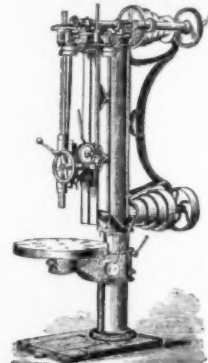
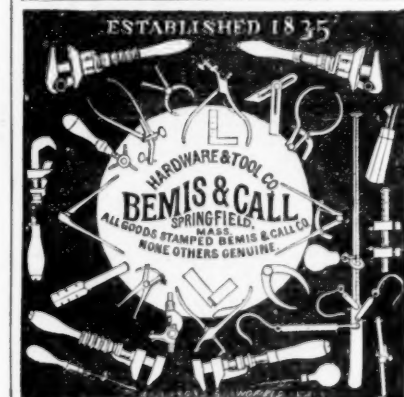
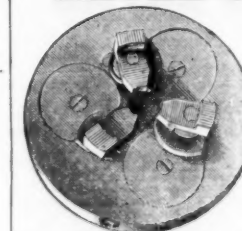
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